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CROSSING GUARD LAURIE KELLY gets some assistance with her young charges in front of Granger Elementary School: School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni, Agawam DPW Director Jack Stone, former School Committee member Louis Massoia, and School Committee member Linda Galarneau.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Barricades Will Call Attention To Children Crossing

With the cooperation and funding from the Agawam Department of Public Works, the Transportation Subcommittee of the Agawam School Committee was able to obtain eight A-frame barricades at the cost of \$591.60.

The vinyl A-frame folding barricades are 42 inches tall and 24 inches wide and have orange and white reflection strips. "STOP FOR PED-XING" is printed on them.

The orange and white barricades will be placed at crosswalks outside the city's schools at the opening and closing of each school day by the crossing guards.

The Transportation Subcommittee of the School Committee asked for the purchase of the barriers so as to increase motorist visibility at the crosswalks and to enhance safety for the children.

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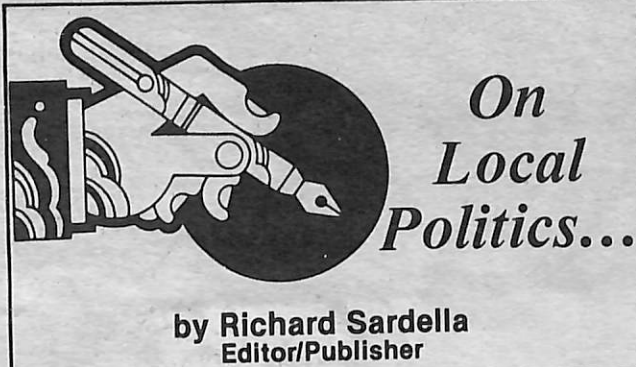
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At Cohen's Inaugural Ball...



ON SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 15TH, at the Storowton Carriage House, the Inaugural Ball for Mayor Richard Cohen attracted nearly 600 attendees. From left to right: Storowton owner Fred Withee, Mayor Cohen, Dr. Philip Cohen (the Mayor's father), Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux, and Alan Cohen (the Mayor's brother). (See story on Page 9.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Recreation Committee Flap Can Be Resolved

Two weeks into his new term, Mayor Richard A. Cohen disbanded the Recreation Assessment Committee, much to the chagrin of its chairwoman, Susan Pettazzoni, and some of its members.

Cohen's action clearly suggests that despite his newness to Town Hall, he is ready, willing, and able to make a decision and wield the authority of his office accordingly.

Over the past 20 years, this newspaper's affiliation with recreation in our town is one of its benchmarks, similar to the schools, the Senior Center, the Public Library, and the veterans' groups.

So, last week's dismissal of this Recreation Assessment Committee compelled me to offer some comments pertaining to the appointment by Cohen of a new recreation commission down the road.

Former Mayor Christopher C. Johnson named this assessment committee about a year ago on or about the time then recreation director Mary Keller was getting ready to depart for a similar post in neighboring Enfield.

The committee was charged with reviewing and assessing the town's recreational needs, both in the short-term and in the long-term (the so-called Five Year Plan). And in the long and short of it, the committee explored the many areas involving the town's recreation, from current facilities, expenditures, funding from sources besides the town budget, to planning.

When Mary Keller left and new director Christopher Sparks came on board about three months later, the committee was already into its

work. According to Mrs. Pettazzoni, the group also assisted in "bridging the gap between Mary leaving and Chris coming in."

Over the past year, the committee has obviously compiled lots of data and as this column goes to press, a report is being prepared for the new Mayor to digest about where we are and where we need to go.

Without reading the report, it is safe to say that Agawam is truly a community lacking in recreational facilities (some current facilities badly need repair), both for the huge pool of youth sports and for the many other areas of recreation that receive less ink but are important as well. These include activities for senior citizens, younger adults, and for what is termed "passive recreation."

Where do we go from here? Mrs. Pettazzoni stated the other day, "There is no beginning or end. This committee's job is still not finished even when we issue our report. I have serious concerns about how and why this process was done. I think the Mayor has now availed himself of the knowledge of what this group did. Hopefully, he will realize that a committee such as ours needs to be continued and I have a great belief that he will do that."

So, let's get on with the report. Let's get on with seeing what it says. Let's see if we do get a new Park and Recreation Commission out of this, which certainly should be a key point in the report.

Sparks was a good hire and his management style about eight months in is cooperative and moving the town in a positive direction. But the total recreation package is always a work in progress and like the Municipal Golf Commission up at the town's golf course, a Park & Rec. Commission would be a valuable resource of ongoing community involvement and input for the recreation office.

When the politics toughen, believe it, the Park and Rec. Commission would also serve as an important buffer between the administrators and ticked-off public.

The squabbling of the past week shows there's plenty of passion out there for attacking this weighty problem in the near future. I'd bet more than a few of those people on the former committee would come back (if asked) to maintain the continuity and momentum of the past year.

And this still leaves the Mayor with plenty of legs to run with his own agenda and to appoint individuals to the Parks and Rec. Commission he feels would best serve the interests of the town.

From Jan. 15th Through May 1st...

Open Burning Guidelines For Town Of Agawam

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15, 2000 through May 1, 2000 for open burning. Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

According to Agawam Fire Chief David A. Pisano, the Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis. Permits will only be issued weather permitting, and only to those locations meeting guidelines.

1. Burning of brush, cane driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.

2. No grass, hay leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind will be allowed. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME.

3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4. NO COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL BURNING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.

5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling or structure.

6. Outside burning for cooking purposes is allowed.

7. NEVER USE GASOLINE TO START THE FIRE.

8. Someone must attend the fire until completely extinguished. Have water supply handy at all times.

ANY FIRE WHICH IS DETERMINED TO BE A HEALTH HAZARD OR NUISANCE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXTINGUISHED IMMEDIATELY.

All permits will be issued from Fire Headquarters, 800 Main Street, Agawam. The phone number is 786-2662.

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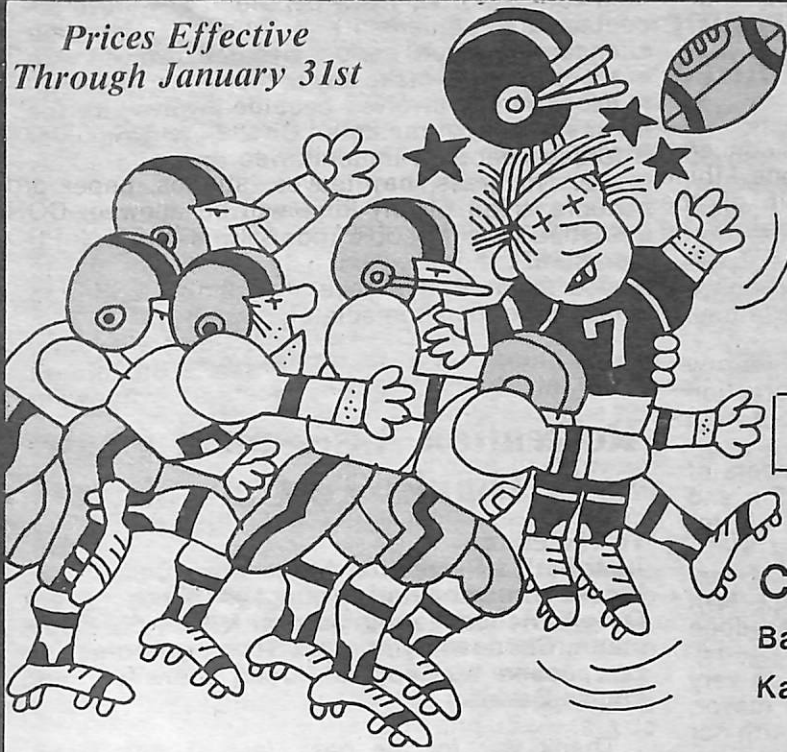
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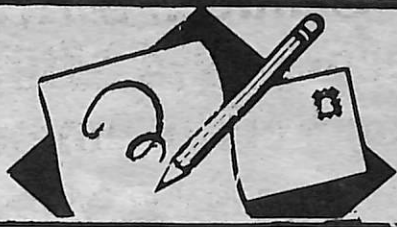
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Letters To The Editor

What's The Whole Story Behind Bachini's Resignation?

To The Editor:

I've lived in this town for 20 years and our household receives *The Agawam Advertiser* like many homes do, to keep abreast with the events that occur in the town, both good and bad.

Well, I can't sit by and not comment on the article in the January 13th issue, which outlines the resignation of the High School golf coach, Mr. Paul Bachini. I have no personal association with the man. In fact, I don't even know of him except as the gym instructor at Granger School.

I, like Mr. Bachini, am an avid golfer and after reading this man's credentials, it is hard for me to understand as a taxpayer how a coach with a winning record has to resign under the pressures of philosophical difference.

It is obvious from just reading this little article I, like many others, don't have the whole story from both sides, but maybe that doesn't really matter. What does matter is that this appears to be a forced resignation without some form of due process.

I could understand if the man had a short-term history as the coach (under five years) and his record was 2-83-15. Instead, he has enjoyed 19 years of service and a record of 83-15-2, a coach's dream. He has obviously done something right in talent recognition and selection, as well as development.

Maybe the A.D. should reconsider her position as well as his resignation and work out their differences. Color me stupid, but I think the town and the kids end up as the losers here.

I dare say, whatever the differences are, to read Mr. Bachini's words, you don't have to have a Ph.D. in human relations to know that he leaves under duress and it seems unfair and wrong for everyone concerned. They should sit down and get this worked out, maybe even mediated.

A concerned golfer and taxpayer,
Richard T. Ward
Feeding Hills

F. Hills Resident Impressed With Cohen's Responsiveness

To The Editor:

Earlier this month, I wrote to Mayor Cohen complaining that the outside lights in the front parking lot of the Agawam Public Library had not been working for several weeks. I was concerned that someone getting out of his or her car might be injured by a car traveling up or down the library driveway, since the lack of lighting made it difficult to see in that area at night.

Only a few days after I wrote to the Mayor, I noticed that the lights were working once again. I was very impressed with Mayor Cohen's responsiveness. He delivers on his promises. I'm proud to have him leading our community.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

Robbery Victim Seeks Return Of Personal Family Photos

To The Editor:

On January 9th, my husband, my dog, and I decided to take a short hike at Robinson State Park to enjoy the warm Sunday weather. Within about an hour's time, my car window was smashed and my purse (I thought hidden from view) stolen. How violated I felt.

Cash, license, credit cards, checkbook, makeup... all gone. A financial burden, a hassle, and an inconvenience to cancel and replace. The park workers — Fran, Roberto, Joe, and Bill — called their families to say they would be late for dinner because they assisted in a search and waited for the police.

A kind Agawam police officer (badge number 21) helped me to feel a little more in control, and environmental officer John Tranchese went out in the cold with his partner to search on ATV's. In their book, all doing their jobs; in my book, caring, compassionate individuals.

It wasn't until later in the evening, as I was trying to recall all that I had lost, that I finally cried. Gone were two irreplaceable pictures of my mom and dad at their 25th wedding anniversary. My dad died almost 12 years ago with cancer, three weeks shy of their 40th anniversary. Pictures I carried to

remember, to help me through some of the trials that marriage presents, now gone. Violated.

To all the people that afternoon and the days that followed, thank you so much. Your patience and kindness are a bright spot I will always remember.

To the person or persons who broke in, you must have needed the money more than I. If there has to be a next time (and I pray there isn't), please toss the stuff you don't need somewhere, where a Good Samaritan can find it and return to the owner the memories they so treasure.

Lora Meals
West Springfield

Agawam Parks & Rec. Director Thanks Assessment Committee

To The Editor:

On January 11th, Mayor Richard A. Cohen officially disbanded the Recreation Assessment Committee. As the Director of Parks and Recreation, I agree with the Mayor that the Recreation Assessment Committee has finished its assessment and needs to complete a final report so we can move forward with the recommendations presented by the committee.

I have worked with this committee since my becoming the Director of Parks and Recreation this past June. The committee has worked hard and has accomplished much.

I would like to publicly thank the members of the committee for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Thank you to Sue Pettazzoni, Joe Mineo, Jill Simpson, Bob Young, Karla Young, Jack O'Neil, Tom Tierney, George Bitzas, Louise David, and Joan Linnehan.

The assessment that was completed is very beneficial and will help myself, the new mayor, and the Town of Agawam move forward with our goals for increasing and improving the recreational offerings for this community.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Sparks
Director of Parks and Recreation

Lawsuit Is Not Intended To Bedevil Berkshire Power Plant

To The Editor:

With considerable interest did I read the latest letter penned by City Councilor Bitzas in last week's *Agawam Advertiser News*. I take issue with far more than his suggestion that the new millennium and century have already begun. I mainly take issue with his continued inaccurate characterizations of both local environmentalists and the latest struggle against unconstitutional procedures followed by tyrannical state agencies.

I suspect a growing movement afoot among from two to five City Councilors to sabotage the recently filed lawsuit intended to restore home rule. It is because I treasure the rule of law quite clearly spelled out in both our national and state constitutions that I must yet again implore the new City Council and Mayor to continue pursuit of the lawsuit concerned.

If Councilor Bitzas views the lawsuit as a continued "fight without any hope to stop the power plant from operating," both "counterproductive" and an injury to the best "interests of our town," then I must remind our City Councilor that this is not a lawsuit intended to bedevil the power plant for spiteful or peevish purpose. It is intended to preserve only the rule of law. Surely, no one at all deserving of public office could in any way find that objectionable.

As I have said before the City Council on several occasions, our town is in no position to surrender city planning to smoke-filled back rooms in Boston and ought not ever be content to surrender City Council prerogatives to state agencies both beholden to private interests and far removed from any semblance of public accountability. The time is now to finally permit our judicial system its first real opportunity to review law that is suspect at best and redress the grievances of the flawed law's many victims.

As regards the CCBA members alleged by Councilor Bitzas to have acted only to "benefit themselves," I will yet again for the fourth or fifth time inform the City Councilor that no such members exist. Very few people, if any, have accepted any settlements at the cost of their silence; no person, period, became involved with express intent to make any settlements; and nearly every person involved became involved for the most self-less of reasons - Civic Duty! Councilor Bitzas knows this, understands this, and surely realizes that his rhetoric is lending weight in the public eye to possibly libelous remarks made by Berkshire Power people regarding several of our members. I therefore publicly plead with him to please suspend this several-year disinformation campaign of his, immediately.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Recreation Assessment Chair Says Thanks To Committee

To The Editor:

Dear Park & Recreation Assessment Committee - Vice-Chairperson Karla Young, Jill Simpson, Jack O'Neill, Robert Young, Joseph Mineo, Bill Daubmann, Charleen Tyler, Tom Tierney, George Bitzas, Joann McGeoghan, Joan Linnehan, and Louise David:

Thank you for the past year of your unsurpassable dedication to the Town of Agawam. Your volunteer time spent and the results have been a tribute to your belief in the future needs for recreation in Agawam from birth to 110!

We committed to passive and active recreation for all our citizens. Realizing that recreation has many facets for all our citizens, whether it be gardening, dancing, shuffleboard, all youth and senior sports, an indoor community/sports complex, listening to music, a place to read or any of the ideas from "citizen input," our committee was open and aggressive to help meet those needs.

We covered inventory, evaluation, planning, funding sources, and expenditures, implementation/development, and maintenance of all our existing Park and Recreation holdings, along with long- and short-term goals, including a Five-Year Plan which assisted our town in federal reports. Our mission statement to "make recommendations to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the community through recreation regardless of age, race, creed, and economic status," is an inspiration that needs to be continued.

We also proved beyond a doubt that our town needs a full committee or commission that will work on a consistent basis to meet the growing needs of Agawam.

Let us continue to hope that all the work of the past year will prove to our elected officials that a committee such as ours needs to be enabled to work for the future of Agawam recreation without being subjected to election politics.

Again, thank you for your dedicated service to Agawam.

Susan Pettazzoni
Park & Recreation Assessment Committee
Chairperson

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Councilor Should Realize BP Has Not Been Good For Town

To The Editor:

Those of us that have stood tall against BP continue to be chastised and criticized. But remember it is because of us that the town is protected against BP's hazardous, illegal, and dangerous actions. It is also because of us that the town has reaped the substantial taxes and financial benefits that BP must give to our town. Because of these facts, I am compelled to respond to an editorial in *The Agawam Advertiser News* written by one of our city councilors.

I'm not going to mention his name since he and most everyone else in town knows who he is. What is unfortunate is how this councilor continues to try to make people believe Berkshire Power is the good guy and everyone else is bad. He continues to do this knowing that BP has willfully and consistently threatened, sued, harassed, libeled, and paid off everyone and anyone they could who has stood up against all their horrible actions. And they continue to do some of these things this very moment.

The councilor I refer to says we should forgive BP. How can he, or any elected official, make such a statement while BP continues to sue our town and our council? This is not a case of turning the other cheek when everyone in Agawam continues to have their entire face slapped over and over by this councilor's friends at Berkshire Power.

This councilor also continues to make false statements when he states that those of us, who were not bought off, continue trying to stop the plan. If he had been paying closer attention the past two years, he would know that we aren't trying to stop the plant, but rather, have been doing his job by making sure the plant and its owners do

what they are required to do.

Instead of criticizing us, he should be thanking us for making his job easier by doing his job. It is because of us that he, the council, and hopefully our new mayor knows what actually goes on at the plant and what the truth really is. Maybe if he paid more attention to the truth rather than his friends at BP, he wouldn't be writing editorials that twist the truth.

Finally, he refers to the money Agawam is, and will be receiving, from BP in taxes and donations. Isn't it interesting that every time BP gets caught in its spin or they are caught withholding important information, they make a donation to something. Does this councilor really think the donations by BP are from the heart and not money they are forced to spend, thanks to us, to make their problems go away or to make us forget their latest trickery?

And, as far as taxes are concerned, does everyone remember when this same councilor tried to convince everyone that the \$800,000 in lieu of tax payment was a great deal? Does everyone also remember how this same councilor criticized others and me because we insisted that BP pay their fair share of taxes like everyone else? **Again, he should be thanking us for stopping him and the council from making such a huge financial and tax blunder.**

Because of us, BP will be paying \$2 to \$3 million in ongoing taxes once the plant is finally on line, whenever that will be. He should also thank us for forcing BP to spend money to bolster their very poor public relations, such as installing playing fields on River Road.

In closing, I hope this same councilor will refrain from making false statements and stop making Berkshire Power sound like the best thing to happen to Agawam. He himself has said that BP has split the town apart. That, along with the continued lawsuits, should make him realize that BP has not been good for Agawam.

Thank you,
Louis Russo
Feeding Hills

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that R.L.Z., Inc. d/b/a Jessica's Lounge, 11 South End Bridge Circle, of Agawam, MA, has applied for a Transfer of Liquor License and Change of Manager from Catherine Mahue to Alice D. Fusco. Building consists of approximately 1,900 sq. ft. of space on one level, consisting of 200 sq. ft. for storage, 100 sq. ft. for kitchen, 50 sq. ft. for office; public restrooms; and the remaining space of approx. 1,550 sq. ft. for public area. The

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main entrance is located on South End Bridge Circle with a rear exit to the back of the building. There is no cellar. Public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

John J. Chriscola, Jr., Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

Cellucci/Swift Secure \$2.4 Million For Vets' Cemetery

Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift recently announced a \$2.4 million grant to complete the Commonwealth's first state-run veterans' memorial cemetery currently under construction in Agawam.

This new 61-acre cemetery, scheduled to open in the fall of 2000, is a tribute to thousands of Massachusetts veterans who heroically defended our Commonwealth and country in the face of danger.

"We are all very grateful for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans," said Swift. "The most fitting tribute we can give our veterans who have passed away is an honorable and decent burial. The state's Veterans' Memorial Cemetery will serve as an eternal memorial to our most dedicated citizenry."

This latest round of federal funding complements a \$4.4 million federal grant announced last year that enabled the project to start. The new grant will pay for the construction of an administrative building, committal facility, and a maintenance building while the earlier grant funded infrastructure projects associated with the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

The \$6.8 million in federal funds were leveraged from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs through a \$3.5 million state pledge made by the Cellucci administration. The Commonwealth will operate and maintain the cemetery, and provide the necessary costs associated with the project once it is complete.

Swift noted that more than 140,000 Massachusetts veterans and their family members from across the state will be eligible for burial in the cemetery's 40,000 plots. To date, more than 3,000 signed and approved applications have been processed by the state Department of Veterans' Cemeteries for interment in the cemetery.

Swift also said that visits to the new Agawam cemetery will be more convenient for the citizens of Western Massachusetts since the nearest national veterans' cemetery, Massachusetts National Cemetery, is located approximately 120 miles away in Bourne.

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Veterans' Corner...

Many Thanks Again This Year To American Legion Post 185

by Ruth C. Bitzas

Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Again this past year, the American Legion Post 185 provided Thanksgiving turkeys and \$25 gift certificates to the Agawam Food Mart for several of our needy veterans or dependents of veterans on the Chapter 115 Program through our department.

Our clients were very pleased to receive a Thanksgiving dinner from the American Legion. It's gestures such as these that help vets to feel that their military service is appreciated. It's veterans helping veterans.

Agawam Vietnam Veteran Shares His Thoughts On Service

In a letter from Vietnam veteran Stephen Knapik (whose name will be listed on our Agawam Honor Roll), he shared his thoughts regarding his service in Vietnam:

"It's easy to be patriotic when we're not at war. Recognize this, and gain a greater appreciation for those who serve in times of peril."

Stephen lives in another state and was pleased when we sent him a copy of the list of "K's" for Vietnam service.

This week, we will begin publishing the list of Korean War veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam and who will be listed on the Honor Roll. These are veterans whose last names begin with the letters "A" and "B."

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AVERY, DONALD J.
AVERY, ROGER J.
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BACKSTROM, ROBERT I.
BAILEY, BRUCE S.
BALBONI, WILLIAM J.
BANVILLE, ROLAND J.
BARLOW, WARREN D.
BARNES, HAROLD R.
BARTON, THOMAS
BARUFFALDI, PETER J.
BEAUCHENE, ROBERT E.
BEAUCHANE, WILBUR G.
BEAULIEU, LEON F., JR.
BINNENKADE, ROBERT A.
BISSONNETTE, WILFRED H.
BODURTHA, JOHN H.
BOISSONEAULT, ROLAND
BONAVITA, MICHAEL R.
BONTEMPO, RICHARD N.
BORGATTI, PAUL R.
BOVAT, ERNEST J.
BRACH, DAVID M.
BRADWAY, LEON F., JR.
BROOKS, ALAN H.
BROOKS, IRVING E., JR.
BROOKS, ROBERT A.
BROWN, EVERETT E.
BROZ, PAUL F.
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LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that Maria Cuccovia, d/b/a Maria's Pizza and Grinders, 605 Silver Street, Agawam, MA, has applied for a Transfer of License, Change of Manager from Maria Cuccovia to Luigina Odier-na, and Pledge of License. Building consists of one story concrete building located in the Industrial Park on Silver Street. One main entrance to pizza shop/restaurant from parking lot. Main dining area has exit/egress to adjoining function room which also has a separate entry/egress from the parking lot. Additional egress through rear of function room and through kitchen area in main restaurant. Seating capacity of 44 in restaurant and 75-100 in function room. Public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Agawam's New School Committee...



MEMBERS OF THE Town of Agawam's School Committee for 2000-2001 (from left to right): Linda Galarneau (Secretary), Susan Pettazzoni, Sue Dawson, Rosemary Sandlin (Vice-Chairwoman), Mayor Richard Cohen (Chairman), Teresa Kozloski, and Roberta Doering.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of FONTAINE PROPERTIES, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88, of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the maintenance of a sign at the premises identified as: RIVER ROAD.

Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson

Published: January 20, 2000

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 3, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Hill for a Definitive Subdivision of Silver Brook Estates, a proposed eight (8) lot subdivision to be located on the southwesterly side of Mill Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Irene Dubreuil Clark

Irene (Saulnier) Dubreuil Clark, 72, of Quail Run Estates, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was an assistant to James R. Martin, the former president, chairman, and CEO of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Springfield, and was also an officer of the company, retiring in 1974. Previously, she was an assistant to the comptroller at Sprague Electric Co., North Adams. She also worked at the family store, Saulnier's Market.

Born in North Adams, she graduated from Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur School and Bliss Business College, Williamstown. She moved to Springfield in 1956. She later moved to Longmeadow and Wilbraham before moving to Agawam last July.

She was an accomplished lyric soprano and was the first soloist with the choir of Notre Dame in North Adams. She was pursued by Arthur Godfrey's talent scouts as well as the Metropolitan Opera, New York City.

She was a charter member and office holder of Les Circle des Dames Francais, North Adams, a former member of the Board of Directors at Baystate Medical Center, and former co-chair of the fundraising committees for the Pioneer Valley Dialysis Clinic and for StageWest, both in Springfield.

She was a communicant of St. Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham.

She leaves two daughters, M. Lynn Dubreuil and Lisa A. Dubreuil Wrisley, both of Springfield; a brother, Robert J. Saulnier of North Adams; a grandson; and her former husband, John P. Dubreuil of Panama City, Florida.

The funeral was held at St. Pierre Springfield Funeral Chapels and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199, or to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 171 Union Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Angelina E. Choiniere

Angelina E. (Cardano) Choiniere, 82, of Ormand Beach, Florida, and formerly of Merrell Drive, Agawam, died recently in Ormand Memorial Hospital.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life before moving to Florida a few months ago.

She was a retired sales clerk for several department stores in the Springfield area.

She was a former member of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

Her husband, Joseph E. Choiniere, died in 1973.

She leaves a son, George of Hampden; three daughters, Diane Henderson of Agawam, Joanne Stalneck of Gatesville, Texas, and Donna Gallagher of Holly Hill, Texas; four sisters, Mary Traghese, Anna Ruggiero, Ella McLean, and Jean Forest, all of Springfield; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was scheduled to be held in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Gladys R. Hout

Gladys R. (Julien) Hout, 92, formerly of 31 Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked for the former Buxton Leather Co.

Born and schooled in the Stafford Springs section of Stafford, CT, she lived in Agawam since 1953 and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Harry D. Hout, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, Donald Jr., and three daughters, Shirley M. Pleva, Beverly A. Juliak, and Jacqueline R. Carranza, all of Agawam; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was scheduled for Friday morning,

January 21st, at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Memphis, TN 38105, or the Dana Farber Jimmy Fund Clinic, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115.

Mary M. Pisano

Mary M. (Fernandez) Pisano, 84, of Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked for the former Buxton Leather Co. in Agawam and F.W. Sickles Co. and General Instrument Co., both of Chicopee.

Born in Pittsfield, she was a long-time Springfield resident before moving to Feeding Hills.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She was predeceased by her husband, Domenic Pisano.

She leaves a sister, Madeline Chechile of Agawam, and nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning, January 22nd, at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Calling hours will be held during the afternoon and evening of Friday, January 21st.

Alice A. Shibley

Alice A. (Sarkis) Shibley, 84, of Bourne and formerly of Feeding Hills, died recently at a Bourne nursing home.

She worked at the former Country Store of Agawam for many years.

She was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Her husband, Joseph Shibley, died in 1990.

She leaves two sons, Michael of Sandwich and Gerald of Chicopee; a brother, Paul Sarkis of North Carolina; and a granddaughter.

A graveside service was held in Springfield Street Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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My Four Principles Of Healthcare...

When I speak to people across Hampden County — from senior organizations to business groups — their single greatest concern is healthcare.

The 7,000 Harvard Pilgrim policy holders in Hampden County want to know if they will have to find a new health insurer and new doctors. The 3,700 employees of the Sisters of Providence Hospital Network hope their hospital won't close. Tens of thousands of senior citizens wonder if they will be able to afford the life-saving prescription drugs they need.

Each of these crises creates gut-wrenching decisions as legislators try to maintain affordable and high-quality healthcare for our constituents while balancing the fiscal responsibilities of the state. As I work on each of these problems, as well as numerous others, I am guided by four important principles: **access to healthcare, protection for patients, provider diversity, and fiscal responsibility.**

1) Access. One of my guiding principles as your state senator has always been to find ways to increase access to healthcare for all the citizens of the Commonwealth. A total of 600,000 men, women, and children in Massachusetts are uninsured. Often these individuals are forced to rely on their local hospital emergency room for care. We must focus on preventative medicine and put an end to this inefficient and costly system.

2) Patient protection. Access to healthcare is an empty promise unless it is backed by a solid patient Bill of Rights like the protections in the Senate HMO reform legislation. Patients must be able to maintain their relationships with their doctors, and HMOs should not be able to capriciously deny medically necessary procedures. We must also reduce the number of mistakes made by overworked doctors and nurses through the maintenance of adequate staffing levels at hospitals and comprehensive strategic plans to respond to emergency situations.

3) Provider diversity. We must continue to promote competition in the healthcare market. Hospitals and HMOs have increased efficiency and patient quality as they have competed for customers. Healthcare monopolies will only burden the system further and eliminate jobs while prices rise and patients suffer. Passage of legislation like the recent HMO Insolvency Protection Act allows state regulators to save faltering HMOs and maintain competition in the health insurance market.

4) Fiscal responsibility. As healthcare resources become increasingly scarce, it is vital that we utilize them wisely. We must eliminate administrative and bureaucratic waste which does nothing to improve patient care, but adds immeasurably to the bottom line of healthcare costs. We must also focus our money and efforts on programs, like the Senior Pharmacy Program, which have proven their effectiveness.

There are no magic bullets to solve our healthcare problems. My colleagues and I in the Senate will continue to move cautiously forward, pushing to provide coverage for the uninsured, passing legal protections like HMO reform, assuring that patients in Western Massachusetts continue to have a choice in their hospital care, and balancing a variety of fiscal concerns.

In this way, we can improve the healthcare, and the lives, of citizens throughout the Commonwealth.

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Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Be Sure To Test Emergency Fire Exits

More people die from home fires than any other kind. Over 5,000 people perish every year in home fires because they don't know what to do. Hopefully, your family has prepared and practiced a Home Fire Escape Plan.

One important part of such a plan is locating and learning to use emergency ways out and alternate routes to safety. The Agawam Fire Department suggests that you practice using emergency exits to make sure they are usable. It's too late to discover your window is stuck shut and won't open when a fire has occurred.

In most homes and apartments, emergency exits are usually windows or stairways. Make sure windows can be opened and that screens and storm windows can be removed from the inside.

Make sure children can operate locks and know to get out quickly, not to wait for you. If they cannot get out, they should know to wait at the window for help, where the firefighters can see them. Make sure everybody learns to stay low and crawl to the nearest exit.

If bedrooms are on the second floor, provide folding ladders. Most fatal home fires begin at night while we are asleep. Escape ladders can be made of light rope. Metal ladders made for escape can be purchased at most hardware stores.

Although most people plan to tie bedsheets together to form a rope, there is usually not time to do that in a fire. Jumping from second-story windows can cause severe injuries.

If you live in an apartment or condominium and your enclosed stairways are your emergency exits, practice finding these in the dark. First, count the number of doors from your room to the exit stairway. You probably won't be able to see the exit sign above the door through smoke.

Once in the stairway, go down to the outside. Go up to the roof only if you are forced by smoke. Most fire departments do not have helicopters ready to scoop you off rooftops. Remember, do not block the exit stairway doors open. Once smoke enters the stairway, your escape route is not safe.

Your family may have several alternate routes to take in case of fire. Make sure you practice all of them as much as possible. Fast actions are needed in a fire, and trained responded help those happen.

If your family does not have a Home Fire Escape Plan, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 for information and assistance in developing a plan for your home.

Agawam Historical Association Seeks Photos

Daguerrotypes ... tin types ... glass negatives ... photographs ... postcards—let's have a look see. The Agawam Historical Association is collecting images of the town's past in order to create a visual history of Agawam and Feeding Hills and needs your help!

The association, in collaboration with Arcadia Press of Dover, New Hampshire, hopes to create a local edition of the publisher's popular *Images of America* series. Though the final book will contain approximately 200 photographs, 800 photographs must be submitted for editing purposes. The association's archive contains many photographs, though far short of the publisher's requirement.

The association is looking for photos with caption information documenting the history and development of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Early

views are especially welcome. All submitted photos from the 1860s to the 1970s will be reviewed for publication.

Picture postcards depicting scenes in Agawam and Feeding Hills may also be submitted.

Photographs of the following subjects are needed: agriculture, business & manufacturing, transportation, sports, education, religion, architecture, landscape, and social and family life.

Original prints are preferred and will be returned upon completion of the project. An image release form must be signed granting permission for the image to be used.

If you or someone you know has photos or postcards they would like to share for this exciting project, please contact Visual History Book Committee chairperson David Cecchi at 731-7600 during the day, and 789-3338 in the evening.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: At the Inaugural Ball — Jackie Rednor (the Mayor's aunt), Barbara Ellia Cohen (sister-in-law), J. Scott Rednor (cousin), D.C. Cohen (nephew), Dr. Steven Cohen (brother), William Beaudry (campaign treasurer), Mayor Richard Cohen, and Dr. Philip Cohen (father). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** the Inaugural Ball Quartet — Brian Swenson (alto sax), Chris Trevethan (drums), Ritchie Mitnick (keyboard), and Steven Messina (bass). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

On Saturday, January 15th...

Taste And Elegance Define Mayor Richard Cohen's Inaugural Ball

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Mayor Richard Cohen's Inaugural Ball, held Saturday, January 15th, at Storowton Carriage House, exceeded expectations for attendance. Guests gave up trying to find space to hang up their coats and simply piled them up in the center of the coathouse as the number swelled to nearly 600.

"The response was overwhelming," committee member Angela Beaudry told us. "By January 8th, we were planning on 350 guests and Storowton was going to provide tables for the dinner. But the restaurant was besieged with calls."

By Thursday, January 13th, owner Fred Withee of Storowton decided to just open the floor and let people mill around and socialize. On the night of the Inaugural Ball, no one seemed to mind the crush of people. The warmth and camaraderie helped distract from the chilling temperatures outside. The atmosphere and setting were elegant yet relaxed. Guests moved about, greeting friends and enjoying Storowton's delectable edibles.

According to Bill and Angela Beaudry, plans for the affair were made in three nights. During their first meeting, two committees were designated: the Advertising Committee, which mailed invitations and arranged the programs; and the Ball Committee, which focused on the details of the event at Storowton.

Mrs. Beaudry counted 425 signatures in the guestbook, but feels certain there were many more people who did not have the opportunity to sign. "In mid-August of 1999, there were only 14 people on the Committee to Elect Richard Cohen. By the night of the Ball, committee members and supporters totalled over 500, with many other people in our town. I'm just amazed how fast Rich Cohen and the citizens have connected," she said.

The First Hour Of The Ball...

During the first hour, guests munched on hors-

d'oeuvres, while in the background, sounds of the Inaugural Ball Quartet wafted through the room. Their first time playing together, the Quartet consisted of Ritchie Mitnick, well-known keyboard player from Feeding Hills; Brian Swenson, playing alto saxophone; Steven Messina (AHS's class of '01), bass; and Chris Trevethan (a recent graduate of AHS), on drums.

After the Quartet finished its debut, Mitnick continued to turn out favorite tunes, contributing to the enjoyment and creating the chance for many of the guests to dance. Pat Tobin, a waiter at Storowton for the past several years, performed several Frank Sinatra songs, accompanied by Mitnick, such as "New York, New York." Tobin performs at Storowton on Thursdays throughout the summer and has toured around America, entertaining at many well-known establishments.

There were hundreds of guests lined up to taste the roast beef, ham, or turkey, and the salad table offered a choice of many dressings. Food stations around the room catered to pasta lovers, fruit devotees, and crackers and cheese fans. There was plenty of tea and coffee to go along with the large selection of tempting desserts.

When most guests had finished their meals, Cohen stood on a chair and announced that he would give a speech. He opened with, "If it weren't for my father, I wouldn't be where I am today ... standing on a chair because of my height ... but seriously, I want to thank my father, my brother, Alan, and my entire family for their support."

"I also thank my friends who helped make this wonderful evening such a success; I want to thank Storowton for their excellent food and hospitality; and, most of all, I thank all of you who came out on this cold night to celebrate this special occasion with me and my family."



TOWN COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS with his wife, Peggy. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ENGAGING IN CONVERSATION AT Mayor Richard Cohen's Inaugural Ball: Jack & Jeanine Penney and Dorothy & Tom Mapes. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBERTA DOERING and her husband, Dr. James Doering. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mayor Cohen's Inaugural Ball At Storowton...



AGAWAM CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT CAMPBELL with his daughter, Christine, and his wife, Marianne. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



NEWLY-ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER SUSAN DAWSON with her husband, J.D. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Linda Mercadante, Betty Manchino, Tom & Nancy Locke, and Pauline Mortenson. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE INAUGURAL BALL: Mrs. Millie Vassalo and Mrs. Bea Hamel. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Caroline White, Russell & Sherry Petrucci, Nancy Modzelewski, and Agawam Health Agent Randy White. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD MUNDO at the Inaugural Ball on Saturday, January 15th. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mayor Cohen's Inaugural Ball At Storrowton...



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT Robert Magovern and his wife, Peggy, with Town Council Vice-President Robert Young and his wife, Karla. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ANGELA & JOHN BONAVITA, who served on the committee for the Inaugural Ball. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MINGLING WITH OTHER ATTENDEES at the Inaugural Ball: Paul Brodeur, Debi & Dean Saracino, and Pamela Jones. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ROSEMARY SANDLIN (left), Vice-Chairwoman of the Agawam School Committee, speaks with Agawam resident Judy Wright. Advertiser News.



ENJOYING THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE at the Storrowton Carriage House: Pat Wolos, Vi & Lou Massoia, and Pamela Jones. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ANGELA & BILL BEAUDRY, who were part of the Inaugural Ball committee. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Families

Cynthia Safford Engaged To Wed Michael Dingman

Announcement is made of the engagement of Cynthia Safford and Michael Dingman of Ballston Spa, New York.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stewart Safford and Jean Safford, both of Agawam. The future bridegroom is the son of the late Russell Dingman and the late Katherine Dingman.

The bride-elect was graduated from Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College with an associate's degree in retail management, and Western New England College with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is an internal auditor with the State University of New York-System Administration in Albany.

Her fiancé was graduated from Twin Lakes High School in West Palm Beach, Florida, and attended Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven. He is a collections manager with Waste Management, Inc. in Amsterdam, New York.

The wedding is planned for October.

Agawam Senior Ctr. To Sponsor Apr. Trip To Washington, DC

The Agawam Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC from Saturday, April 15th to Tuesday, April 18th.

Cost is \$403 and includes stay at the Governor Inn in Virginia (with indoor pool), a visit to Capitol Hill, the FDR Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Ford's Theater, and the Smithsonian Museum.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Lisa Anne Riley Becomes Bride Of David Disco

Lisa Anne Riley and David Disco exchanged marriage vows recently in a ceremony at Westfield Assembly of God.

Parents of the bride are Noella Walch of Feeding Hills and Alan T. Riley of New Hampshire.

The bridegroom is the son of Lawrence and Jean Disco of Westfield.

Michele Riley, sister of the bride, attended as maid of honor. Larry Disco served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Bay Path College in Longmeadow. She is employed at Greater Springfield Senior Services.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Westfield High School and is employed at Balise of Springfield.

Melissa L. Ellithorpe Engaged To Wed Joseph Alan Poor

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Melissa Lynn Ellithorpe of 70 South Alhambra Circle, Agawam, daughter of Mrs. Sandra Fitzgerald (Ellithorpe) of Ludlow and the late Clifford J. Ellithorpe, to Joseph Alan Poor, the son of Patricia Poor of Stow, MA, and the late Alan F. Poor.

A graduate student at Springfield Technical Community College, the bride-to-be is a certified medical assistant and phlebotomist. Her husband-to-be is employed as an apartment maintenance mechanic in Westborough, MA.

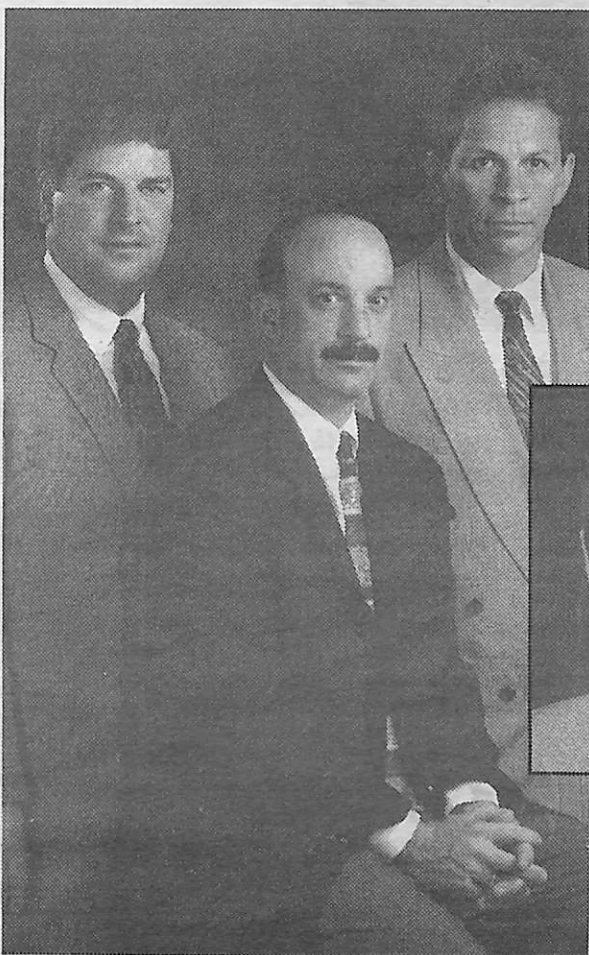
A wedding is being planned for the year 2001.



MR. & MRS. DAVID DISCO

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Michael And Carol DiMauro Chairing Spfld. Camping Show

Michael and Carol DiMauro of Feeding Hills are chairpersons for the 2000 Springfield Camping & Outdoor Show, located on the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield.

The show, entering its 38th year and featuring over 200 exhibitors from New England and beyond, will be held Friday, February 18th from 4:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 19th from 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 20th from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; and Monday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The show is produced and staffed entirely by volunteers from Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 of the North American Family Campers Association (NAFCA). As chairpersons, Mike and Carol are responsible for the total production of the show, assisted by additional members of the committee.

The remainder of the committee is broken down into sub-committees, which consist of printing and volunteers, advertising and publicity, prizes and entertainment, and building. Collectively, these sub-committees work together on a volunteer basis to produce a "show for campers by campers."

Mike and Carol are both graduates of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts. They have been members since 1978 of the club which maintains a building and offices in Gran-Mass.

This year's show has been expanded by over 30 percent, making it the largest and oldest camping show in the Northeast. The show, held in three huge buildings, will include the latest in RV's, vans and accessories, travel trailers, tent trailers, fifth wheels, camping supplies, backpacking equipment, tents and services such as mobile RV repairs, vacation brokers, motorhome rentals, RV insurance and financing, camping clubs, outdoor activities, tourism agencies, and outdoor publications.

Additional attractions this year will include entertainment provided by the world-famous Shriners Clowns, the Crescents (one show only, Sunday afternoon), magic shows, animal shows, a puppet show, and others. A DRAWING will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday February 21st for major prizes, including TWO cash prizes of \$2,000, a pair of mountain bikes with rack and helmets, and a weekend getaway. Several children's prizes will also be given away.

General admission is ONLY \$5 with a discount coupon (\$7 without a coupon). Senior citizens and disabled American veterans pay ONLY \$3 on any day. Children 12 and under are FREE when accompanied by an adult.

Also, there is FREE PARKING for over 9,000 cars.

Additional information can be obtained from the show's web site: www.the-spa.com/camp-show.spfld or by contacting Phil & Judy Trudell at 534-3911 or Mike & Carol DiMauro at 781-CAMP.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 24th: Meatball stroganoff, egg noodles, peas, whole wheat bread, baked apple.

Tuesday, January 25th: Country pie (hamburger, rice, tomato, and cheese), broccoli and cauliflower, rye bread, peaches.

Wednesday, January 26th: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, cookies.

Thursday, January 27th: Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, whole wheat bread, pears.

Friday, January 28th: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffin, chocolate pudding.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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The Consedine Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Erin K.

Timothy and Kimberly Consedine of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Katherine Consedine, born October 5, 1999 at Baystate Medical Center at 8:07 a.m.

Erin weighed nine pounds, four ounces and was 20½ inches long. She was welcomed home by her brother, Timothy.

Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Consedine of Agawam and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Drowns of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice...

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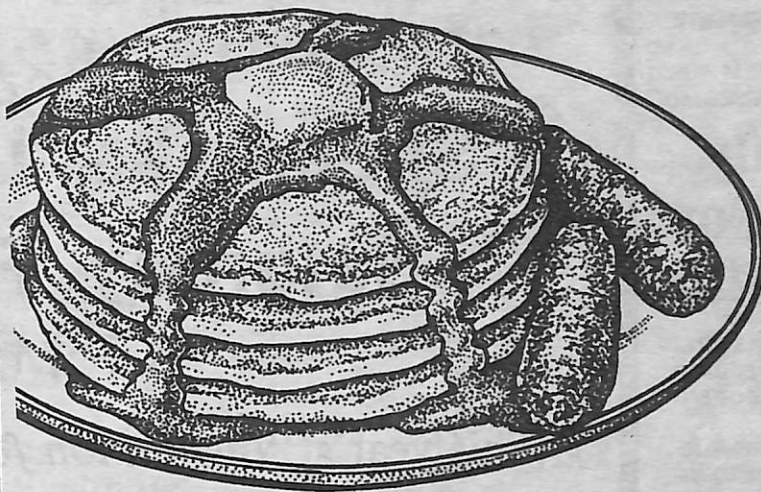


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Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

Hereditary Thinning, Hair Loss, and Balding create big concerns for 40-million men and 20-million women who suffer from this condition. I will begin this series explaining facts about your hair and then give in-depth reports on the different options you have to choose from to better live with your hair loss problem.

The hair goes through three phases of growth; anagen, catagen, and telogen. The hair follicle tends to produce the same length and width hair shaft, but (for example) during puberty, the follicles can change size and shape, thus producing thicker, darker hair as opposed to fine, thin hairs produced as a child.

During the **anagen** or growing phase, the diameter of the hair shaft increases and the hair reaches its maximum length, growing from half an inch to one inch per month. This continues from two to six years, with an average of 85 to 90 percent of scalp hair growing at any one time.

During the **catagen** or transitional phase, the follicle reduces in size and the lower portion is destroyed, thus ending the growth phase.

In the **telogen** or resting phase, the follicle rests for a period of two to six months before it enters the anagen phase again, producing a new hair to grow, thus forcing the old one to fall out.

Everyone can lose up to 100 hairs a day, with only 10 to 15 percent of hair resting at any one time. An average head has approximately 100,000 individual shafts of hair, and each follicle goes through these stages separately.

According to scientists, 90 percent of hair loss in both men and women is caused by a condition known as androgenetic alopecia or common hereditary hair loss. In men, a horseshoe-shaped pattern of balding is what is usually seen, and in women, a generalized thinning of hair over the entire crown can be noted.

Thought for a smile ... a sleeping cat on a rocking chair.

Continued next week ... Remember, Beauty is our Business!

Ag. Women's Club Schedules Meeting For Monday, January 24th

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

The program will feature the club's "Talent Auction," at which time each member is asked to bring something she has created, or something she thinks someone else would like.

The items will be auctioned off, thus helping the treasury so that the club may carry on civic functions.

Invocation will be presented by Aletha Hodge. Alice Smith and her committee will furnish refreshments.

The club is seeking new members and visitors are always most welcome.

Hope to see you on the 24th!

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Pancake Breakfast For AHS Cheerleaders' Trip To Florida

A pancake breakfast for the benefit of the Agawam High School cheerleaders — the Massachusetts State Champions — will be held this Sunday, January 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Polish-American Club.

Sponsored by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, this breakfast will help the cheerleaders to offset their costs of traveling to Florida in February to compete in a national competition.

The donation for the breakfast is \$4 per person. For tickets, call Art Chase at 786-4265, Bruno Maule at 789-0082, Sal Morassi at 786-0177, or see any Agawam High School varsity cheerleader.

Women Marines To Celebrate Anniversary At Ivanhoe Restaurant

Women Marines in Western Mass., Peg Parda Chapter MA-2, members of Women Marines Association, will be celebrating the 57th anniversary of Women Marines on Sunday, February 13th at the Ivanhoe Restaurant, 1422 Elm St., West Springfield at 1:00 p.m.

Any women Marine (former, active, or reservist) is welcome to celebrate with us, the Women Marines' 57th Anniversary.

If you are interested in joining your sister Marines for brunch at the Ivanhoe, or if you would like more information about WMA MA-2, please contact Rose Haynes at 786-2597. Remember, "Once A Marine, Always A Marine." Happy 57th to all women Marines.

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Church News

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Worship at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street) is at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 23rd, with Church School at 9:00 a.m. for seventh-through 12th-graders, and at 10:30 a.m. for Crib Room through sixth-graders.

On this Third Sunday after Epiphany, Dr. Eric Bascom, interim pastor, will preach the third in his sermon series on the theme "The Vital Functions of a Christian Church" by speaking about "Fellowship, or Koinonia."

The church is restoring and enlarging its pipe organ and, at last, the pipes are all available and ready to be installed. During the worship service this Sunday, there will be a "Procession of the Pipes" in which many of the youth and adults of the congregation will carry pipes into the sanctuary, where the functions of the pipes will be explained and the rebuilding process celebrated.

Plans are being made for the Sacrament of Baptism to be administered in the worship service on January 30th.

Parent wishing to plan baptisms are urged to contact the church office, 786-7111.

The Midweek Service now meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Room for worship, bible study, and fellowship. All are welcome to attend.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

Call today (786-7111) for your reservations for the Catering Committee's Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, January 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Reservations close on Friday, January 21st, at 12:00 noon.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Roast Pork Dinner Slated At Agawam Congregational

The Catering Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, invites you to their Roast Pork Dinner to be served on Saturday, January 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.

Cost for the dinner is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

You may call the church office at 786-7111 with your reservations. (Reservations will close on Friday, January 21st, at 12:00 noon.)

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

MILLENNIAL MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Our Millennium Monthly Breakfasts began last Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. The Parish Lectors will host the next breakfast on February 13th.

There will be one a month sponsored by the various groups of the parish, with the hope that over a cup of coffee and (?) more people will get to know one another and help strangers feel at home in our midst.

Mark it down on your calendar and plan to be with us each month!

MEN'S RETREAT

Sign up now for our Parish Retreat on February 11th-13th at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford.

You will be away from your business problems, home, and family worries. You will be free to think — with no one butting in. Free to get a fresh slant on your career, on your relations with your family and friends, and with your God.

To make reservations, just call Ray Provost at 786-6483.

ONE LAST CHANCE

The second of our millennium quilts is nearing completion. There are about 20 to 25 more spaces available if anyone would still like to participate.

If so, call Barbara Pfau at 789-0530 to set up an appointment to sign a square. First come, first served.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1999

The form for contributions to the Parish for 1999 will be available after January 23rd. We will let you know when they can be picked up at the Parish Office.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We will continue this program weekly here at St. John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of time.

Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday mornings at St. John's, 9:10 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Agawam Catholic Singles Group To Meet February 10th

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at St. John's Parish Center, Main Street, Agawam, at 7:00 p.m.

The group consists of adult singles who are divorced, separated, widowed, or never married.

The next meeting on February 10th will feature board games and a pizza party.

For further information, call Jo Ann at 789-0774 or John at 786-2273.

*Best local news
with us...*

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m., and this week will include our collection to support the Gift & Promise Campaign.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Is Your God Big Enough?" The Bible reading is Jonah 3:1-10. Ushers will be Charles Horenstein and Sue Strycharz.

Andy Kretschmar and Jeff Chapman will be our Acolytes. Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave for Sunday School at a designated time. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Preceding the Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 6th, we will have a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring a hot or cold dish; dessert and beverage will be furnished.

There is a sign-up sheet for the luncheon posted in Griswold Hall. Remember: all reports are due in the office by Monday, January 24th.

Elaine will not be in the office next Tuesday, but will be in on Wednesday instead.

Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be no regular meeting of the Council in February.

The Board of Christian Ed will sponsor Movie Night on Friday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

On the calendar:

Friday, January 21st: Wedding rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., Movie Night.

Saturday, January 22nd: 3:00 p.m., Wedding.

Sunday, January 23rd: 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, January 24th: Annual reports due in office; 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, January 25th: Elaine away; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, January 26th: Elaine working; 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, January 27th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study; 7:30 p.m., Hampden Association Church & Mission Committee.

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For many people, the end of the 1900s and the dawning of a new millennium brings with it the hope that life will be different. Yet one doesn't have to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know that life is destined to continue as it was in the last millennium. For example, we can be

sure that death will continue to be inescapable. We know that no one today will live to see the year 3000.

Because death is inescapable, we must answer this very thought-provoking and personal question: Have you made sure of your heavenly reservations? It's not too late. You need to put your trust in Jesus Christ now for forgiveness and cleansing of your sin. You then will have a guaranteed reservation for that home in glory (Jn. 14:2), and you can be assured that you'll celebrate with the Lord for all eternity. Make your reservation today! —VCG

There is a place reserved in heaven

For all who have believed;

Eternal life is freely given

When humbly it's received. —Sper

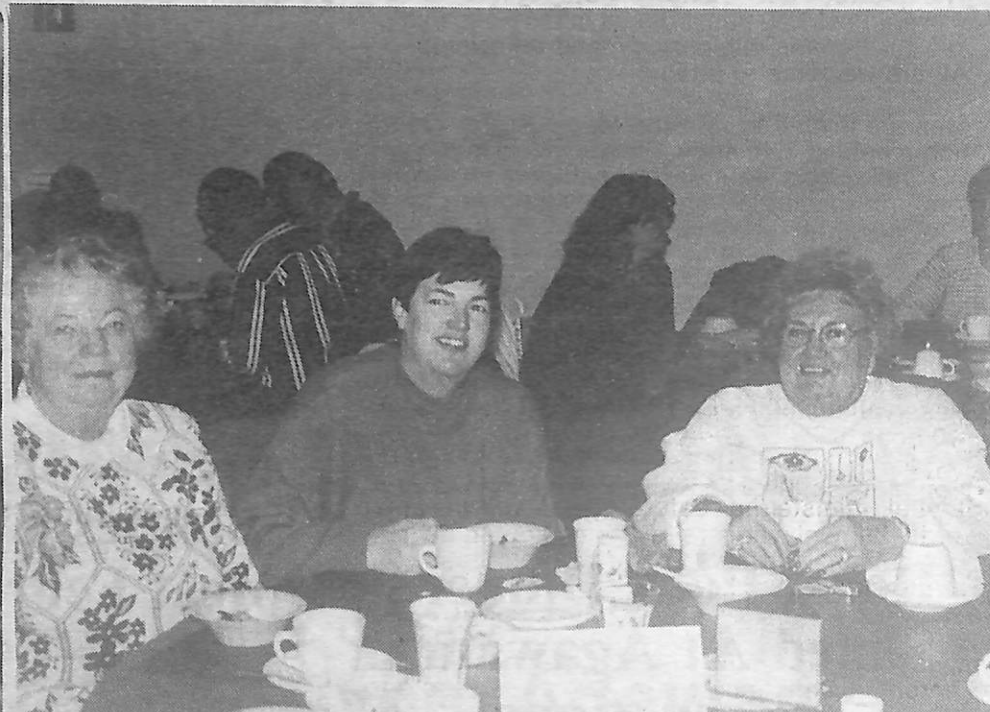
IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO PLAN FOR ETERNITY.

Church News - continued...

Roast Pork Dinner At St. David's Church



ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, a roast pork dinner was held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. IN LEFT PHOTO: standing — Pat Page, Beverly McCullough, Wally Whitehead, and Brenda Larsen; seated — Earl Rivers, Larry Viens, and Claire Viens. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Chelsea Seabury, Paula Tunelli, and dinner volunteers Phil Machos and Joanne Hudson. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



PROCEEDS FROM THE ROAST PORK DINNER at St. David's Church will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building. IN LEFT PHOTO: Ken Barrepski serves mashed potatoes to Betty Poggi and Maggie DeForge. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Enjoying their dinners are Dorothy Smith, Maggie DeForge, and Terry Jenks. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



BETTY POGGI AND HELEN "ELLIE" BOISSONNEAULT at St. David's roast pork dinner on Monday, January 10th. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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At Polish-American Club...

Operation Friendship To Sponsor 13th Annual Oldies Dance

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is holding its 13th Annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, February 5th.

The dance will be held at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Music will be provided by D.J. "Dancing Dave," and there will be door prizes.

Advance tickets are \$7, and tickets purchased at the door are \$8. For advance tickets, call 786-3785.

January Calendar Of Events At Faith Bible Church in Agawam

Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Service.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Book of Revelation.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 p.m., Weeknight Service.

Friday: 6:30 p.m., Youth Group meets.

January 28th: Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (All are welcome.) Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.



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Series - "Immortality"

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Reflections...

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Those of us who have children make many choices regarding them during the course of their lives. One of the first choices we make about our children is what to name them. Some people choose a name which has a certain "sound" to it, while others might name their children after favorite relatives. We have chosen to name our children after some of our favorite heroes in the Bible. We have a son named Samuel, whom we call Sam. He is named after one of the first prophets in the Bible. The defining moment of Samuel's life is found in 1 Samuel, chapter 3:

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night, Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call, go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord; the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The reason this particular story represents the defining moment in Samuel's life is that it is when Samuel was changed from a person who knew about God into a person who knew God personally. At the beginning of the passage, we encounter Samuel ministering before the Lord. In other words, Samuel was a religious person. In his particular case, he resided in the temple itself. But Samuel did not yet know the Lord. There's an old saying which goes, "just because you live in a garage, that doesn't make a you a car." Similarly, simply going to church all the time doesn't make a person a Christian. It is possible for people to virtually live at church, but to not quite know God personally. That doesn't mean such people are bad, nor that they are failures. It simply means they have not yet connected to God in a personal way.

Although Samuel did not know God personally at the beginning of this story, it didn't stay that way. That's because God spoke to Samuel. At first, Samuel did not recognize that it was God who was speaking to him. He very naturally assumed it was his mentor, Eli. Repeatedly, Samuel ran to Eli when he heard God's voice calling him. One of the reasons that Samuel didn't recognize God's voice was that in those days the word of the Lord was rare. There were not many people who knew God in those days.

Is God's word rare in our lives? If so, why? God is speaking; are we listening? Do we hear Him, or are we too busy with busy lives, even religious activities of some sort? We see from the story of Samuel that God could speak to a little child. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Little children are unpretentious, simple, and sincere. Unlike adults, little children are not polished in their presentation of themselves. It's pretty much, "what you see is what you get."

Somewhere along the way, we lose that childlike quality and learn to hide our true, inner selves from others. Maybe to some degree we need to, in order to function as a society. The problem, however, is that we might have learned to hide so well that we've learned to hide from ourselves, as well as from God. Adam and Eve tried hiding from God in the Garden of Eden. It didn't work. God reached out to them, just as He reaches out to each of us in our day.

In those days the word of the Lord was rare; but not today. Samuel lived in an era before Scripture was written or available. We do not. It was challenging, in Samuel's era, both for God as well as people, to communicate with each other. But God has closed the gap. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Now, it's up to us to say, like Samuel in childlike faith, **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

Calendar Of Activities From Sacred Heart

SCRIPTURE COURSE

Scripture Course Begins Shortly...

A scripture course that had been announced for several weeks in the bulletin will begin on Tuesday evening, February 8th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the rectory offices.

The participants will study "The Gospel According to Mark." This biblical book is contemporary as it is being proclaimed during this Liturgical year in the Church. To date, there are 21 persons who have registered. There is still room for you. Please call the rectory as soon as possible.

SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Sign-Ups

The first sign-up for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on the following dates and times:

Saturday, January 22nd, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Sunday, January 23rd, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The rates for joining the association are as follows:

Midget League (Co-Ed, 5 years-old), \$35. All other leagues - Girls 6-17, Boys 6-12, \$50 (family rates are available). Fee includes \$10 raffle tickets.

Come feel the joy and excitement of Inter-League Play. Experience the value of team sports.

MASS OF BLESSING

For Engaged Couples

Once again our diocese will celebrate a special "Mass of Blessing for Engaged Couples." The date is Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Dupre and will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Parish in Springfield.

If you are recently engaged or getting married within a year and would like to attend this special Mass, simply give the parish rectory a call so that we can submit your names to the Family Life Office. A special invitation will be sent from our Bishop.

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5 Lbs. Or More	\$1.69 Lb.
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Spotlight On Business

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HEM is widely recognized in the consulting industry as a leader in transactional environmental site assessments. Since 1990, it has completed nearly 2,000 environmental assessments of commercial and industrial properties in 21 states.

Its clients include national, regional, and local financial institutions, real estate investment firms, law firms, and property buyers and sellers. Michael Hopkins, PE, LSP, LEP, will manage the consolidated ECS/HEM office in Madison, Connecticut.

Founded in 1982, ECS is a full service environmental consulting, engineering, and construction firm headquartered in Agawam. In addition to its new office in Madison, ECS has offices in Brighton, Mass., Brattleboro, Vermont, and Brandon, Florida.

ECS is well established as a leading regional provider of technical and professional remedial services, regulatory compliance, underground storage tank services, and cost recovery and reimbursement. Its clients include major oil companies, manufacturers, utilities, financial institutions, law firms, developers, government agencies, and the military.

The acquisition of HEM will substantially expand ECS's environmental site assessment capabilities in the Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey areas; and will broaden its client base and solidify its position as a major provider of environmental consulting services in New England.

For additional information, please contact Mark Hellstein, ECS President, at 413-789-3530; or Mike Hopkins at 203-245-3322.

On Tuesday, February 1st...

Sasha ZeBryk To Offer Two Workshops At SEC

Does your business self-introduction get the attention and respect you want? Does speaking publicly produce more panic than poise?

If you answered YES, invest in two workshops that will change your anxiety level. **Sasha ZeBryk**, Agawam resident and president of **SashaSpeaks Seminars**, is offering two workshops on Tuesday, February 1st, at the new Springfield Enterprise Center, 1 Federal Street, Springfield (across from STCC).

From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., ZeBryk will present **SpeakEasy**. Then, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., she will present **Design Your Verbal Business Card**.

Come and learn how to design a **Verbal Business Card** that projects the "You" you want people to know. Create a verbal card that presents your best self in a 20-second self-intro.

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The **SpeakEasy** workshop will cover:

- Thirteen ways to reduce your jitters and fears and use your voice powerfully.
- How to create a 30-second "sizzle" to grab your audience's attention immediately.
- Enliven your message with stories, confident gestures, and body language.
- Put you in control and hold your audience.

The cost is \$60 for one workshop, and \$95 for both of the workshops. Mail check and workshop name(s) to: Sasha ZeBryk, 210 Beekman Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

If you have any questions, email ZeBryk at sashaspeaks@aol.com.



IRVING M. WALKER, JR.

Irving M. Walker, Jr. Named Controller Of Park West Bank/Trust

Irving M. Walker, Jr. has been promoted to the position of Controller of Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Walker joined Westbank in 1985 as an Accounting Supervisor and was subsequently promoted to Accounting Officer.

He entered the banking industry upon his graduation from American International College (AIC) in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Continuing his education, he earned a Master's of Business Administration from Western New England College in 1984 and subsequently a Master of Science Degree from the same institution. He also completed the necessary requirements to become a Certified Management Accountant.

Walker has been a teacher at the American Institute of Banking for many years and in April of 1999 was named Teacher of the Year.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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When Is The Right Time To Buy Or Borrow???

Should I buy now or wait? Should I pay cash or borrow, and how much can I responsibly afford to borrow? Almost everyone makes these choices at one time or another.

While the answers vary from individual to individual, several benchmarks serve as checkpoints in making these critical decisions. The underlying factor is the ability to maintain your financial security, both in the long run and in the short term.

Financial survival 101. Before considering a large purchase or borrowing money, one needs to recognize that personal economic disasters are as common as natural calamities, and they always seem to happen at the worst possible moment. For that reason, everyone needs a solid financial foundation.

Cash is king. A stash of cash is the best way to avoid financial disaster. The National Endowment for Financial Education recommends that families and individuals have a special reserve of funds equal to six months' salary. This money should be invested so it is readily accessible.

In the event that you lose your job, you are less likely to lose your home, car, or credit rating if you have a solid cash reserve. The greater your financial obligations, the more money you need in your reserve account.

When thinking about a large cash purchase, try to avoid using your cash reserve. However, if you need to dip into your stash, the money spent should be replaced as quickly as possible.

Insurance. In addition to the emotional hardship of a family member's death, the loss of a wage earner can signal the end of financial security and the beginning of economic turmoil. Life insurance should be considered as a means to provide for a family's needs. There aren't basic rules that apply to the amount of life insurance needed because families' needs are so diverse. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help determine the amount needed.

Disability insurance for the primary wage earner is another option that should be considered. In the event that they become unable to work, this insurance can help with the family's finances. A suggestion is that disability insurance should cover between 60 and 70 percent of the wage earner's income. Health and hospitalization insurance may also be worth consideration.

Long-term debt. The mortgage on a home is con-

sidered long-term debt. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America (MBA), the monthly payment should not exceed 28 percent of the total household income.

Short-term debt. Money owed for automobiles, credit cards, or a home equity are examples of short-term debt. The MBA also suggests that the total monthly outlay should not exceed 36 percent of a family's or individual's gross monthly income. The total monthly outlay is the monthly payments for all short-term obligations, plus a mortgage payment.

If you are thinking about borrowing for a purchase, total all your monthly short-term debt payments, then add them to your mortgage payment (or rent payment) and make sure the new purchase doesn't push your total monthly

payments above 36 percent of your entire household's monthly income.

Financial institutions that make home loans adhere to very strict guidelines. Typically, if they approve a mortgage loan, the borrower can afford to make the monthly payments on both their long- and short-term debt. When people face foreclosure, it is generally as a result of events that took place after the mortgage loan was closed.

Get a plan. The key to answering, "When should I buy?" and "Should I borrow or pay cash?" becomes more clear when the person asking the question has a financial plan. When you have a strategy for dealing with the expected expenses, the unanticipated expenses become far more manageable.

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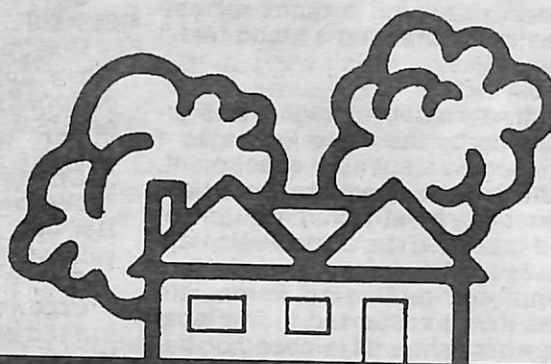
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**DUI Defendant Denied Prompt Bail: Charges Are Dismissed**

A woman could not be convicted of drunk driving where the State Police failed to assist her in being "promptly released" on bail, a state District Court Judge recently held.

The woman, who was held in police custody for six hours, claimed the delayed release from jail effectively deprived her statutory right of obtaining a timely blood test to defend the charges. The judge agreed.

"The statutory rights of promptly arranging bail and getting an independent physical exam are empty [and] meaningless ... unless the police assist a defendant in obtaining a quick release from custody or assist in obtaining a blood test," the judge said.

FACTS

The defendant, shortly after midnight, was arrested for drunk driving by the State Police as a result of being stopped at a sobriety checkpoint. She was taken to the State Police barracks, where she refused to submit to a breath examination but insisted on a blood test. But, the State Police apparently did not assist the defendant in either securing bail promptly or getting an immediate blood test. She was then transported to the local police department, where she was released on her personal recognizance after being held for six hours.

The police were apparently aware that the defendant was likely eligible for immediate release on personal recognizance. At the defendant's motion to dismiss, the Commonwealth apparently presented no overwhelming evidence of her intoxication.

The judge determined that police assistance in arranging for bail is necessary. Accordingly, the judge stated, "The police cannot merely wait for a clerk to arrive to set bail. They must actively contact someone ... a clerk, assistant clerk, or a bail commissioner ... to immediately set bail."

The statutory rights to use a telephone for arranging quick bail to obtain a blood test within a reasonable period of time after arrest (G.L.c. 276, sect. 33A), and for an immediate examination by a physician (G.L.c. 263, sect. 5A), are intended to permit defendants to gather exculpatory evidence regarding their level of intoxication, the judge noted.

Keenan & Molta Announces Newest Sales Associates

Robert P. Molta, President of Keenan & Molta Associates, has announced that Elizabeth O'Neil Geib, a resident of Wilbraham, has joined Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates as a full-time sales associate working out of the Wilbraham office, and Alison Gray, a 20-year resident of Springfield, has joined as a full-time sales associate working out of the Springfield office.

In addition to O'Neil Geib's prestigious real estate designation of Certified Buyer Representative (CBR) and GRI, she also earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) and an Associate of Science in Business Administration (AS).

"We welcome Elizabeth as a member of our team. Her impressive resume, experience in real estate, and extensive volunteer work in the community will make her a terrific asset to Coldwell Banker," stated Molta.

O'Neil Geib can be reached at 596-0100 or 263-3701.

Gray met the Massachusetts real estate licensing requirements and completed Fast Start, the nationally recognized Coldwell Banker training program offered by Coldwell Banker University. She is also a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield.

"We welcome Alison as a member of our team. Her enthusiasm and dedication to customer service will be a real asset," stated Molta.

Gray can be reached at 413-783-2000.

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Be careful not to pack down the insulation as you measure it; it will become less effective. Also, be careful not to tear the vapor retarder that may be between the insulation and ceiling.

If an unfinished attic, measure the thickness of the insulation between the floor joists. In a finished attic, look for a hatch that allows you to get behind finished portions. Measure the insulation depth in the ceiling and slated sections of the roof and walls.

Check crawlspaces and any exposed floors above unheated or uncooled spaces, such as the garage, porch, or basement. To check perimeter walls, try looking behind switch plates using a flashlight. Or, make a hole in the wall that can be patched.

If you're checking out a home, check copies of recent utility bills to get an indication of how energy-efficient the home is. You might also hire an energy consultant to take an in-depth audit of the home's energy efficiency.

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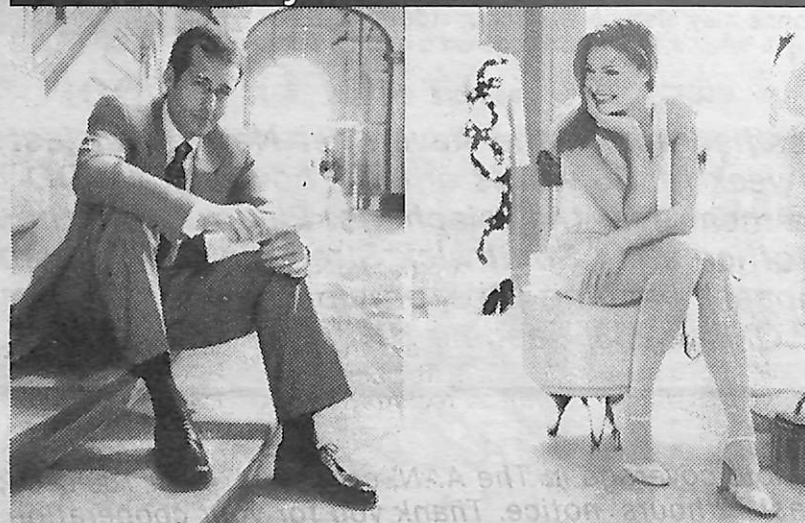
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Helpful Hints Regarding Snow Removal

The first snowfall and frigid temperatures made the battle of snow removal especially tiresome for area residents. I am beginning to see a significant number of individuals who are suffering with neck, back, arm, and leg pain. Since I am continually asked about helpful hints regarding snow removal, here they are.

Always exercise caution. Shoveling snow is one of the most physically stressful activities you can subject your lower back (lumbar spine) to. If there is some underlying weakness or pre-existing back problem, even proper shoveling technique may result in lower back pain and associated problems.

First of all, if you are a senior citizen, I would strongly suggest that you avoid shoveling altogether. For others, it is essential that you be in good physical condition if you choose to shovel more than small areas.

Getting yourself into good physical condition takes several months. Please think ahead. Get a chiropractic examination! The doctor will give you an idea about whether your spinal column is capable of handling the stress of snow-shoveling.

If you are out of shape and doubt your abilities, find a neighborhood kid who is ambitious. Or if finances allow, have your driveway plowed by a professional.

If you must shovel, warming up your back muscles prior to this activity is wise. Stretch out your leg muscles, especially those at the back of your upper thigh.

Remember to dress warmly, but don't bundle up so as to make it difficult and awkward for you to move naturally.

Use a lightweight, pusher-type shovel. Spray it with Teflon so snow will not cling to it.

Avoid twisting your torso repeatedly as this can lead to disk damage!

Keep your back straight when shoveling and use your legs rather than your back.

Work slowly. Stop frequently and take a break. Go inside, warm up, and continue shoveling later.

If you experience back pain, leg pain, or other symptoms related to your back, stop immediately and go inside, sit down, and rest. If pain persists, or for a spinal examination, call the SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE conveniently located at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. 789-1369 or 789-1073.

On Wednesday, January 26th...

Free Seminar On Osteoporosis Slated At Agawam Senior Ctr., Meadowbrook Manor

A free seminar sponsored by Baystate Medical Center's Senior Class and titled "Boning Up On Osteoporosis" will take place at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, on Wednesday, January 26th, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

A optional luncheon will be served after the seminar for \$1.75 per person. Also, free bone density screenings will be offered by registration only.

The seminar will be presented by Dr. Mary Pat Roy, director of the Osteoporosis Program at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

To register for the program, call The Professionals at (413) 794-2255, or 1-800-377-HEALTH if you're outside the Springfield calling area. To register for the screening, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

The Cold And Flu Season Leaves Region Short On Blood

You Can Donate Blood Through Baystate Medical Center's Blood Donor Program

The cold and flu season has led to a regional blood shortage and all types of blood are needed, according to William Montilio, coordinator, Blood Donor Program at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

"We especially need Type O," Montilio said.

At Baystate Medical Center, over 3,000 patients require more than 29,000 transfusions each year. Donating blood takes about 45 minutes, and every donation helps as many as three patients with serious medical conditions.

To donate blood you must:

- Be at least age 17.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be in good health.
- Have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.

The Blood Donor Center at Baystate Medical Center is open Monday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Transportation is available for groups of four or more.

To schedule an appointment, call 794-4600.

Support Groups Offered At Noble Hospital In Westfield

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, January 26th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, January 25th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.



Chiropractic Care

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Some Facts About Heart Disease...

Here are some more interesting studies that have come across my desk recently that are associate with heart disease:

1. Obesity accelerates heart disease. Studies from the Duke University Medical Center concluded that a moderately obese individual will develop heart disease seven years sooner than a non-obese person. Obesity also takes years off your life, about four years on average.

2. Researchers compared walking, vigorous exercise, and total physical activity to the number of coronary artery events in a large group. The risk of a coronary event for women who walked briskly (at least three hours of brisk walking per week) or exercised vigorously (at least 1½ hours of jogging, bicycling, heavy gardening, or heavy housework) was reduced by 30 to 40 percent. These findings suggest that both walking and vigorous exercise contribute to a reduced risk of coronary events. (Study reported in New England Journal of Medicine, August 26, 1999.)

3. A topic presented to the American Heart Association meeting in November 1999 was "How to Prevent Heart Disease." According to a new Harvard University study, it stated that you can reduce your chances of suffering from heart disease (including heart attacks, congestive heart failure, and strokes) by 82 percent. The secret is really no secret:

- a) No smoking.
- b) Keep your weight down.
- c) Thirty minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise each day.
- d) One alcoholic beverage every couple of days.
- e) Eat healthy foods.

Researchers found that women who lived this lifestyle were 82 percent less likely to suffer from cardiovascular-related problems than the average women. That was the good news. The bad news is that only about one-percent of women follow all these rules.

OK, folks — the bottom line is that our health is in our own hands; it's time to take responsibility for it now!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Pulmonary Support Group To Meet Jan. 26th At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital's Pulmonary Support Group will meet Wednesday, January 26th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The free group is co-sponsored by the Lung Association, and is designed for those who feel physically or emotionally limited by breathing problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema.

Meetings offer individuals, their families, and friends the opportunity to share problems and solutions. An informal social period with refreshments is also part of each session.

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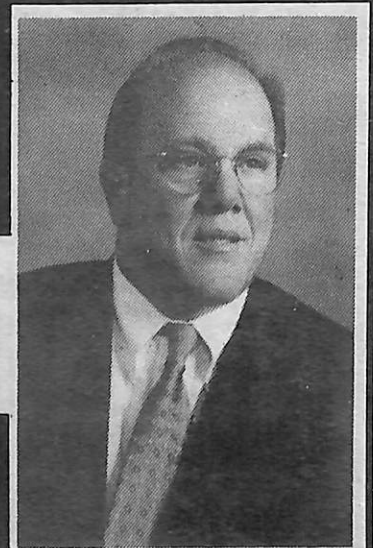
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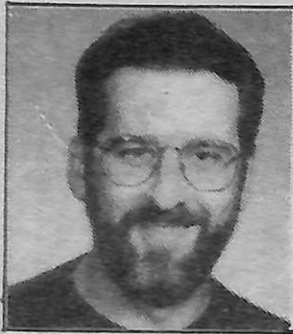
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The Complexity Of Staying Together

For whom are you staying together? The kids? Your spouse's sake? The economics? Because of the comfort of knowing we've been together this long ... or maybe your faith and religion provide the necessary guidance.

Perhaps you are too afraid of the cost to yourself. Staying may mean repeated beatings or verbal abuse, but leaving could mean worse. Remaining may allow you to feel deprived and just out of touch with what could be. Staying could mean continuing to enable an addict while leaving, or even the thought of leaving, could mean facing for the first time - **You and your needs.**

Perhaps staying together makes sense because your relationship is very healthy for each of you. Both you and your partner are able to experience the space necessary to know yourself, nurture this self, and bring it back into the relationship to nourish one another.

In my social network and as a professional, I rarely experience this latter type of relationship. All too often I see couples of various years being complacent, stuck even, in maintaining their status quo. Or they tend to show their intimacy for one another through rage and/or distancing, through arguing and silence, or by any other destructive way.

What is the health of your relationship? Are you

Support Group On How To Stop Smoking

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, nicotine replacement therapy, education, and motivational support.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

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in need of a massive infusion of passion and intimacy? Is your time with your partner filled with focus on kids, professional, and/or social concerns or limited time to only talk about what video to rent or what TV show will be viewed? Or perhaps one or both of you are looking for love on the Internet?

Perhaps you are one among the few who are truly "working at" the various levels of complexity attached to nurturing your self in order to directly impact your primary relationships.

All too often, what I hear said in my clinical practice is (paraphrasing) *despite how unfulfilled I feel, it's easier to stay together than it is to do the work of facing the challenges connected to making the necessary changes in how our relationship functions.*

The relationship topics needing care range from basic communication issues to the more complex concerns about how one's own sexuality is communicated and experienced in and out of the relationship.

It is my experience that if your relationship with your child, parent, sibling, lover, etc. is not alive and growing; it is at best stagnate and/or decaying toward a quick and/or painfully slow end.

As the popular movie suggests: Is this **As Good As It Gets?** I believe that there has got to be more to staying together than just keeping things *simply* way they are.

What if you were to make this statement to yourself ... **if I really want myself - I will claim more!** And to your partner ... **if you really want me - I want more.**

The complexity of staying together.

"Let's Talk about it" is a regular weekly feature from Dan Pender, MA., M.F.T. Marriage & Family Therapist. Dan maintains a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He is also a local professional Church educator and can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460. Please respond with your feedback, relationship questions and topics and "Let Talk about it."

Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.



Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

One More For The Waistline?

If you tried real hard not to add pounds this holiday by watching what you ate and you still put a few on, could it have been the alcohol?

Sometimes we forget that alcohol adds to the calories. Some studies show no correlation between alcohol consumption and weight gain. Other studies show a very real correlation.

You may be thinking about some advice you've read lately, about how two drinks a day can help prevent heart disease and strokes. Yes, it's true. But it also may make you fatter, so I thought I'd touch on that. Besides, there are quite a few other things you can do to prevent heart disease and stroke besides having two drinks a day.

There are a few reasons that alcohol, even in moderation, can increase your body fat. The most obvious is the increase in calories. By keeping all other factors the same, the extra 200 to 300 calories a day can add up to a pound per week. YUK! Alcohol at any meal will also cause you to eat more at the meal. That is proven. Now, that's great for the restaurant owner who wants you to order more, but not great for the end-of-the-night, completely useless feeling.

Most important to me, your body registers alcohol as a toxin and does everything it can to eliminate it. This means while your body is very busy ridding itself of alcohol, it is not spending any time metabolizing fat. If you exercise, it helps. The more muscle you have, the better your body can handle alcohol. Alcohol encourages fat storage. Your body is using the alcohol rapidly and storing fat rapidly. Add to this the very relaxed or lazy feeling that comes with a couple drinks and you've got a very fattening equation.

So, think twice before having those two drinks. Think about your priorities and long-term goals. Don't let the alcohol sabotage all your work.

6th Annual Dinner Dance Slated For Epilepsy Awareness

The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee will host its **Sixth Annual Dinner Dance for Epilepsy Awareness** and Exclusive Silent Auction on Saturday evening, February 26th, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

This year's recipient of the "Inspiration for a Cure Award" will be presented to **Bill Murphy**, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island. He will be honored for his commitment and dedication to the many people in the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island who are affected by epilepsy. He will join our past recipients, Dr. Fred Hirschenfang, Millicent Kelly, L.D., R.D., and Dr. George Howard, to receive this prestigious award.

The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee is comprised of approximately 20 committee people. Our main goal is to bring epilepsy awareness to our surrounding communities and to raise funds for research and to provide support for organizations that render services to the thousands of people who live with epilepsy every day.

Last year's event raised over \$20,000! It was donated to help fund our very first camp for children who have epilepsy — WEE KAN TU - A CAMP FOR CHAMPS!

This year's proceeds will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island to help continue the many programs that it offers. The Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island (EFM & RI) is the only not-for-profit organization serving the more than 80,000 people from these states that live with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Last year, we had over 700 people in attendance! Please come and show your support for **Bill Murphy**, the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island, and for The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee.

For more information, please call Carol Pietroniro at (413) 786-9452.

*If you add a little to a little,
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- Hesoid

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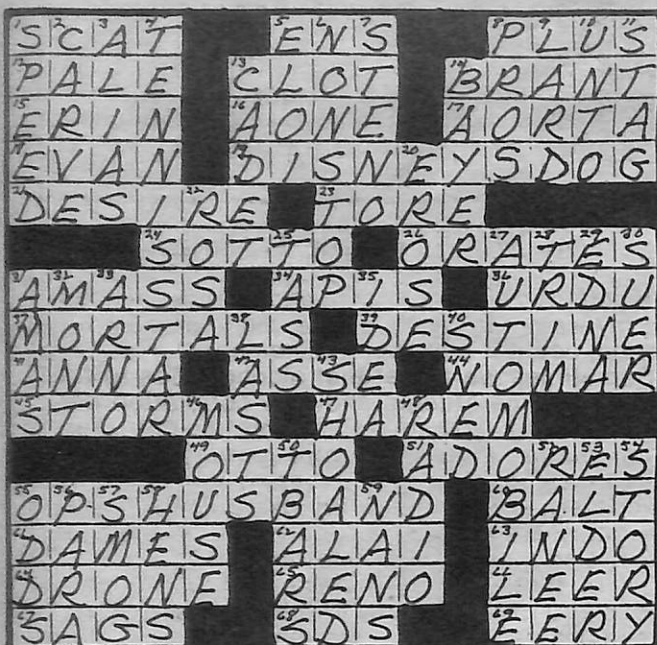
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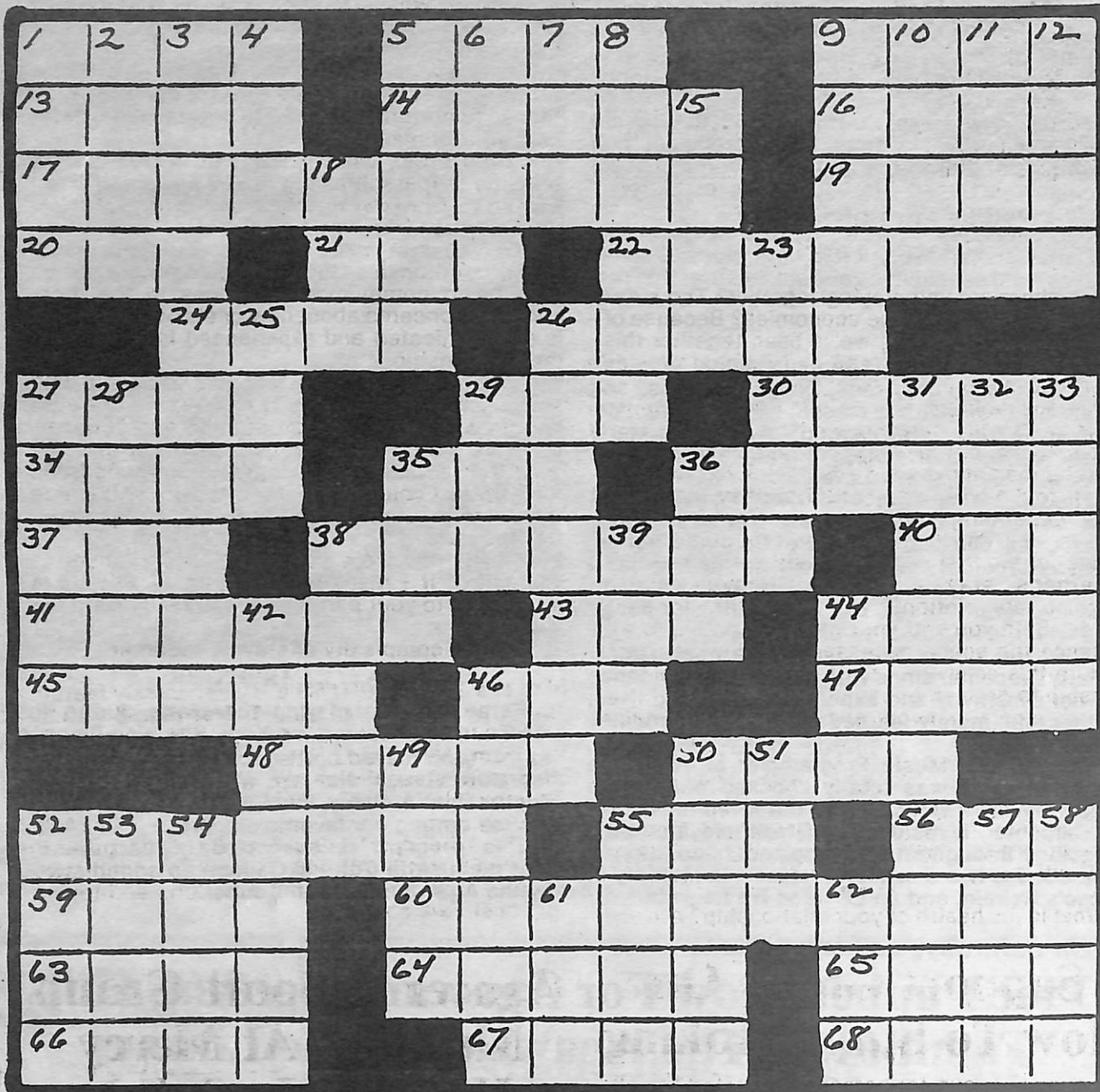
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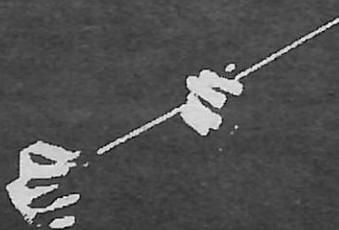
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Part Of First Friday Series...

Patty Carpenter Trio To Perform At The Agawam Middle School On February 24th

The Patty Carpenter Trio will perform jazz, blues, and popular songs as part of Agawam's First Friday Concert Series at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, February 4th, at the Agawam Middle School.

Patty Carpenter, a dynamic vocalist with a wide ranging repertoire, will be backed by Draa Hobbs on guitar and Josh Tower on bass.

The band will explore music from throughout the 20th century. "I wanted to explore songs that were meaningful to me and try to connect them through the thread of 100 years of history," states Carpenter.

She continues, "There's quite a range in this material, and an evolution in both musical styles and cultural sensitivities and we feel that this program and this band will make for a great evening. It seemed like a good contribution to make to the millennium hoopla."

"Patty Carpenter is a versatile singer who can perform jazz, blues, rock, gospel, ballads, and Brazilian beats with a classic lyrical sophistication and a funky, sultry swing," says writer Marty Jezer in the liner notes to Patty's recent CD release, *This Time It's Love*.

The CD has been receiving airplay throughout the country and getting rave reviews. Lenny Mazel, Jazz Director at KCME in Colorado, writes, "Patty Carpenter really knocked me out. She has a very warm and inviting voice, and knows how to use it to great effect. The musicians she hangs out with are no slouches either."

The Green Mountain Jazz Messenger states, "Patty Carpenter sings with a lot of soul. Evidence of her sensitivity and experience of having lived, rather than merely learned the music, permeates every track."

Larry Routt, Music Programmer at WOBO in Ohio, says, "I was totally knocked out by the vocals. What a voice ... I flat out loved it..."

Carpenter, a resident of Greenfield, performs regularly throughout New England. In addition to the CD, she has a cassette release, *In Memory of Love's Refrain*, and an LP titled *No Regrets*.



PATTY CARPENTER

Patty grew up playing the piano during the 1950's in Rochester, New York. She also listened to folk (and played bottleneck guitar at local coffeehouses), rock, and jazz, with Joan Baez, Janis Joplin, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Carmen McRae among her favorite singers.

This program is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Agawam Cultural Council.

On Saturday, January 22nd...

Free Puppet Show For Agawam/Feeding Hills Families At The Agawam Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to a free puppet show at the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, January 22nd from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

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Storowton Village Museum's educational programs take place throughout the school year, and volunteers are needed for weekday mornings and afternoons.

The Village also hosts a number of tours, special events, and special programs during the year where volunteers take on the role of "townspeople of the 19th century" interpreting historic times to visitors and groups of all ages.

Training sessions for school program volunteers begin February 3rd. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities may call the Village at (413) 787-0136 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At Agawam Library On Feb. 2nd...

Book Discussion Of Ann Patchett's "The Magician's Assistant"

The Agawam Public Library will be holding a book discussion of Ann Patchett's *The Magician's Assistant* on Wednesday, February 2nd. Participants may sign up for the 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. session or the 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. session.

In the book, Sabine loses her husband, Parsifal, a magician, after only a few months of marriage. She had been his assistant in his acts for 20 years.

After his death, Sabine suddenly learns her husband had a mother and two sisters that he never told her about. She connects with his family and unravels the secrets of her husband's past.

Copies of the book and questions for discussion are available in the library. The program is open to the public.

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“Holiday Musical Program” At Robinson Park School



ON DECEMBER 21ST AND 22ND, a “Holiday Musical Program” was held at Robinson Park Elementary School. IN LEFT PHOTO: The grade two (Room 8) students of Miss Jeserski — David Olbrych, Melissa DeMassini, David Pownall, Mike Vazquez, Brandyn Snyder, Victoria Czupta, Adam Smith, Stefani Laflamme, Jennifer Kapinos, Nick Cuddemi, Austin Roberts, Bader Alatar, Tyler Silva, Nick Bonafilia, Karen Tang, and Lauren Weiner. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The grade one (Room 2) students of Mrs. Avondo — Nikolay Korniyenko, Ryan Rackliffe, Adam Hulse, Carleen Kibbe, Megan Settembro, Paul Housand, Alex Korotich, Lindsay Paul, Lisa Garrity, Alexis Lussier, Rebecca Lough, Brandon Avery, Joshua Muzzy, Alexzandra Sears, Abigail Asselin, Samantha Cote-Swass, and Michael Cristina.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
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Y2K Arrived And We Survived

Yes, the big Y2K arrived, the fireworks went off at the appropriate times all around the world, and we survived. The computers continued to work, the telephones continued to ring, the lights continued to shine, and the televisions continued to emit their messages.

In spite of the hype, the world continued to turn on its axis and we, the inhabitants, are still here to tell the story.

Actually, as I watched the next year ushered in all over the world, I was struck by how we are all tied to this universe, how we all share common feelings of sadness for things lost, joy for things found, and hope for things yet to come. As I saw fathers and mothers celebrating with their children, I thought about the family unit and how it knows no language barrier. Love and caring are the same in any language, in any part of the world.

Each time I picked up a magazine or a paper, I was struck by how many people had made contributions during these past 100 and even almost 1,000 years! Yet, I thought, an important person has been left off of the lists - Every Person. For, indeed, it is every person in his or her own way who has changed the world in some way - some positively, some negatively - but each has done his share to make an impact. When you start to ponder that idea, it makes you realize that each one of us has ownership of this universe and each one of us is important.

Yes, what each attempts to do with his life will either positively or negatively impact the world. In addition, what each chooses to do often has a snowball effect. For instance, how we treat children becomes reflected in how they treat their peers and how eventually they treat their own children. How we drive our car may affect the pedestrians and other drivers.

How we conduct ourselves at our jobs may affect the raises we receive and, in turn, affect our family unit. What our children accomplish in school may directly impact their future. It's interesting the power we all have, isn't it? And just think what would happen if each of us chose to harness that power and put it to positive use!

Remember, each one of us will invariably reap what we sow, so let's think about what we wish to sow as we enter the new year. As I walked down the aisles in the supermarket, walked around the block, or walked down the corridors of Agawam High School, people acknowledged me with a smile and "Happy New Year!" I returned the greeting.

Now it's up to us to make that "Happy New Year" not just a greeting, but also a reality. Each of us has the power to apply ourselves assiduously to make that happen. Each of us has the ability for positive change, growth, and contribution.

May each of us rejoice in the Y2K. Yes, we survived, but let's do more than that. Let's embrace the year and enjoy the journey.

To all of you - Happy New Year.

News From The Agawam Junior High School PTO

In December, a holiday breakfast was held for the Junior High staff. * * *

The seventh-grade students enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Symphony Hall, and they behaved very well; we were invited to come back again. * * *

Congratulations to those 14 students who were accepted in the 2000 Western Mass. Jr. District Festival held at Westfield State College.

They will represent the Agawam Junior High Band. * * *

The December Book Fair was a great success, and we would like to thank Leslie Young, Donna Glantz, Lorin Masotti, Susan Ober, Debbie Struck, and Jean Mantha for helping with the Book Fair. * * *

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, January 24th, at 7:30 p.m. * * *

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Yuletide Melodies At Robinson...



THE KINDERGARTEN PUPILS (ROOM 9) of Mrs. Blackburn during the "Holiday Musical Program" which was held on December 21st and 22nd at Robinson Park Elementary School. Front row: John Basile, Ryker Verelst, Lydia Michalak, Ryan Lombardini, and Kathy Tang. Middle row: Alan Welch, Erica Ayotte, Derek Docherty, Heather Gonyear, and Brandon Welch. Back row: Hannah Goldrup, Ben Rodriguez, Caitlin Heer, Alden Chisholm, and Abby Adams. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



IN PHOTOS ABOVE AND BELOW: The Room 7 and Room 2 students in performance during the "Holiday Musical Program." The Room 7 students are the first-graders of Mrs. Czerpak: Jessica Santillo, Julian Gallon, Ashley Menard, Samantha Rivest, Caitlin Allen, Michael Gruska, David Melnichuk, Mario Frare, Timothy Roux, Carly Pilon, Rebecca Seibold, Kiersten Pfeiffer, Christopher Myers, Trevor Littlehale, and Stephen LaFlamme. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Registration Slated For January 29th...

New Preschool Scheduled To Open This September In Feeding Hills Ctr.

Smart Start preschool is slated to open in September for the 2000-2001 school year. Robin Jensen (currently the director of The Children's Center in Agawam) will be bringing her proven method of a structured, social, and educationally based program to her new school.

Jensen has her BS in education, as well as Mass director certification for early childhood education. With over 20 years of experience in teaching (eight years in early childhood education), Jensen brings her philosophy of helping children develop confidence in themselves, and developing a positive self-image.

The program will encourage independence, creativity, positive social interaction, responsibility, decision making, and problem solving skills.

Jensen believes that children need to develop a positive attitude towards school from their first experience, and strives to create an environment of warmth, fun, and stimulating opportunities.

Smart Start will be conveniently located in Feeding Hills Congregational Church (next to Dunkin' Donuts) in the center of Feeding Hills. Smart Start will serve children from the ages of two years, nine months (as of September 1st) through age five.

One two-day session for 2.9 through three year-olds, and two three-day sessions for ages four and five, will be offered. Registration for Smart Start will take place on Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the rear entrance to the church.

For further information, you can call Robin Jensen at 786-4382.

Local Residents Named To Dean's List At Westfield State

Westfield State College has announced the students who have achieved the Dean's List for the fall semester 1999.

Students from Agawam are:

Corrie Antaya, Katherine M. Antaya, Andrew E. Charko, Tiffany Charko, Jenna Dietschler, Stefanie M. Domaingue, David P. Federico, Heidi Hersey, Kamaris Lessard, Holly A. Libby, Tara Marquiss, Sean P. Michel, Nathan Murray, Jill Pavelosyk, Stacy Ann Rich, Tara Rivkin, Heidy I. Rydell, Lisa Sands, Kristen Schmaelzie, Christrose Von Hollander.

Students from Feeding Hills are:

Dina Trovato, Kimberly Bosini, Nicole Boyer, Nancy Bulmer, Jaime Lee Callahan, Carolyn Cline, Melissa I. Cote, Charlene Duquette, Sabrina Ferrari, Jessica A. Ferris, Michelle R. Heim, Kelly Liard, Selena Machia, Robin A. Magagnoli, Robert Magistri, Erica Pratt, Erik Ranstrom, Laura Rapa, Jennifer K. Rondinelli, Marie S. Svadeba, Emily Tampone, Jane G. Tuohy.

Kristine Modzelesky Is Studying In Italy For Spring Semester

Kristine Modzelesky, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James P. Modzelesky of Marla Place in Feeding Hills and a junior at Hamilton College, is studying abroad at the Syracuse University Center in Florence, Italy, for the Spring 2000 semester.

The academic semester in Florence is made possible by collaboration with Syracuse University's DIPA program, and is open to sophomores and juniors who wish to pursue extensive studies of Italian language and culture.

A psychology major at Hamilton, Modzelesky is a graduate of Suffield Academy.

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Period II 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Period III 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Period IV 7:25 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Period V 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Make-Up Exams 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Remainder Of Day Correction Of Exams

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Period VI 7:25 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Period VII 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Make-Up Exams 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
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If possible, you may wish to give a student his/her make-up exam during the 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. time slot on Tuesday or Wednesday.

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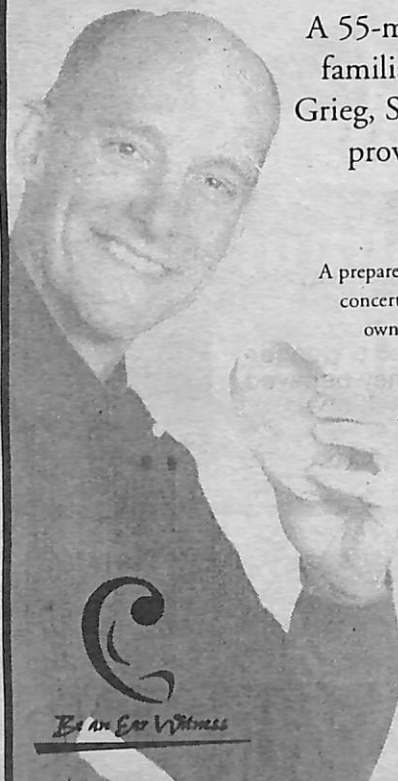
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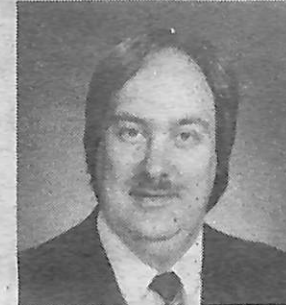
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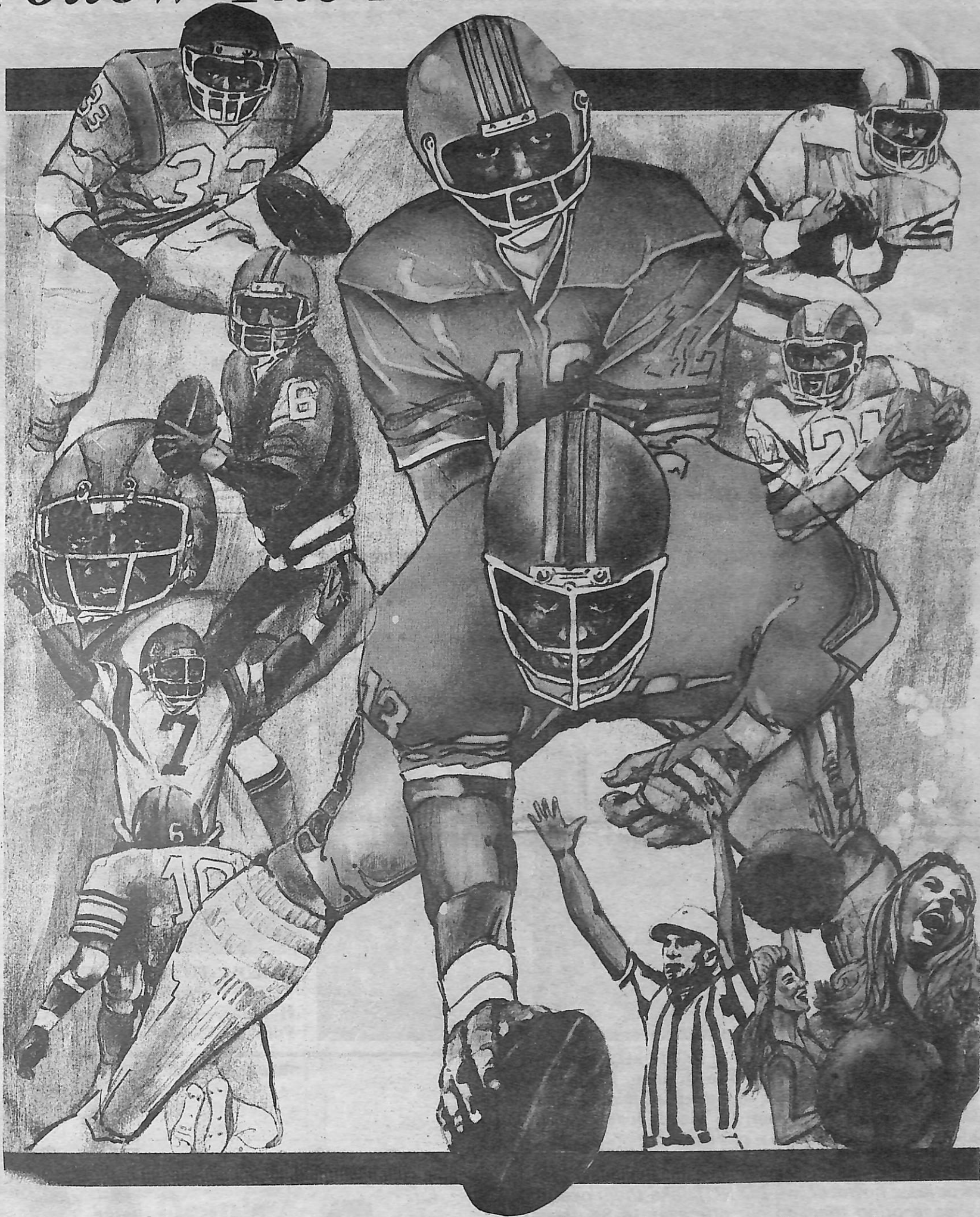
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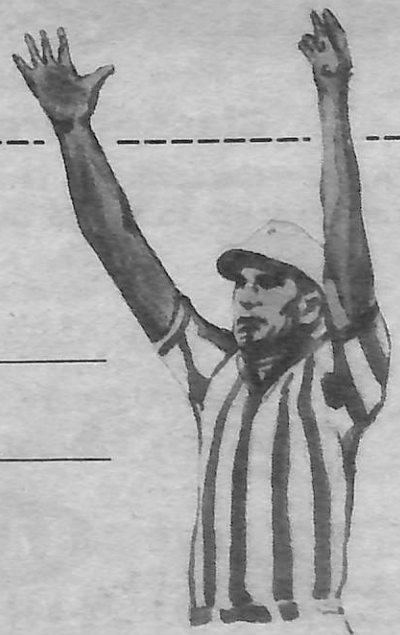
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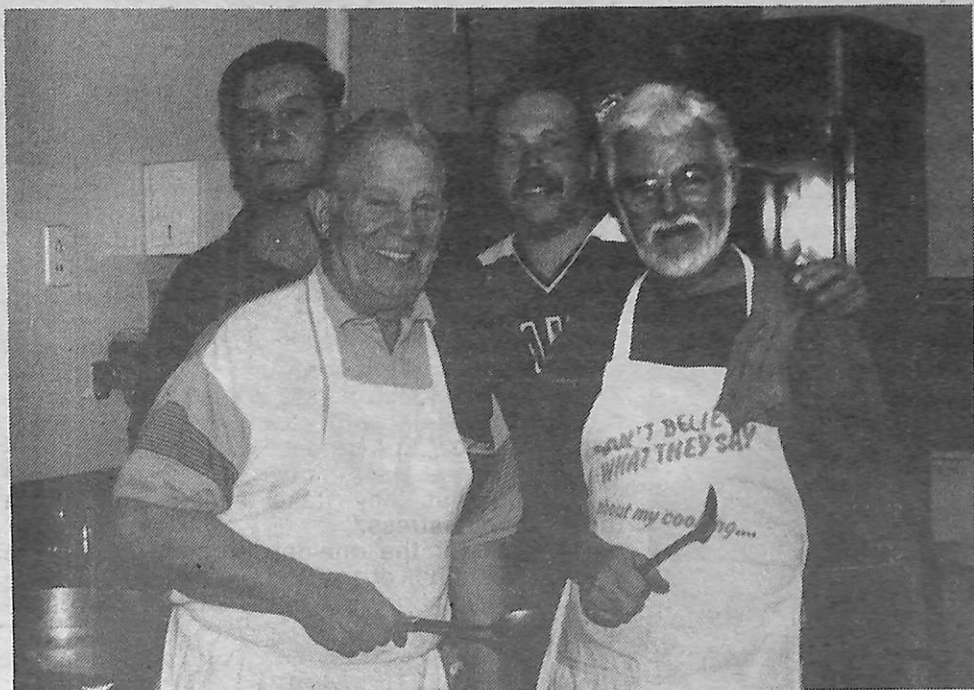
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Pasta Fundraiser For AHS's Varsity Cheerleaders



ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, a pasta supper was held at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street for the Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders. IN LEFT PHOTO: Helping out at the supper were "cooks" Frank Cardaropoli, Duff Sapelli, Ernie Lombardi (who recruited and coordinated the volunteers), and Peter Sadowski (chairperson of the spaghetti dinner). IN RIGHT PHOTO: from left to right — Aimee Piccin, Linda Piccin, Mayor Richard Cohen, Peter Sadowski, and Jill Nunziato. Advertiser

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READY TO SIT DOWN AND ENJOY THEIR MEALS: Stephanie Sadowski, Stacy Hopkins, Amanda Lemieux, and Jessie Forney. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

THE JANUARY 9TH PASTA SUPPER was held to help defray the cheerleaders' costs for their upcoming trip to Orlando, Florida, for the national competition. Among those who attended this fundraiser were Tony Galarneau, Susan Pettazzoni, Jay Flood, Joanne Taylor, and Linda Galarneau. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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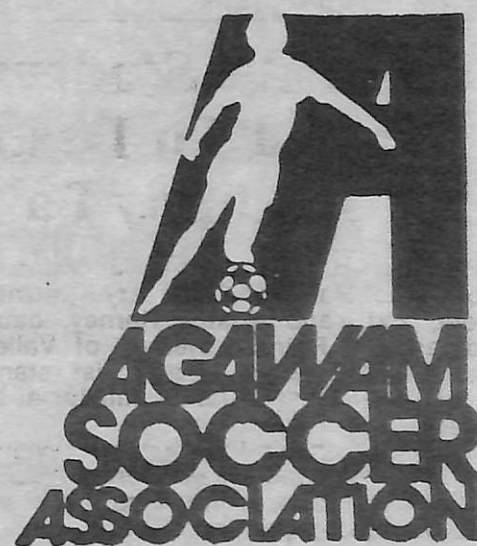
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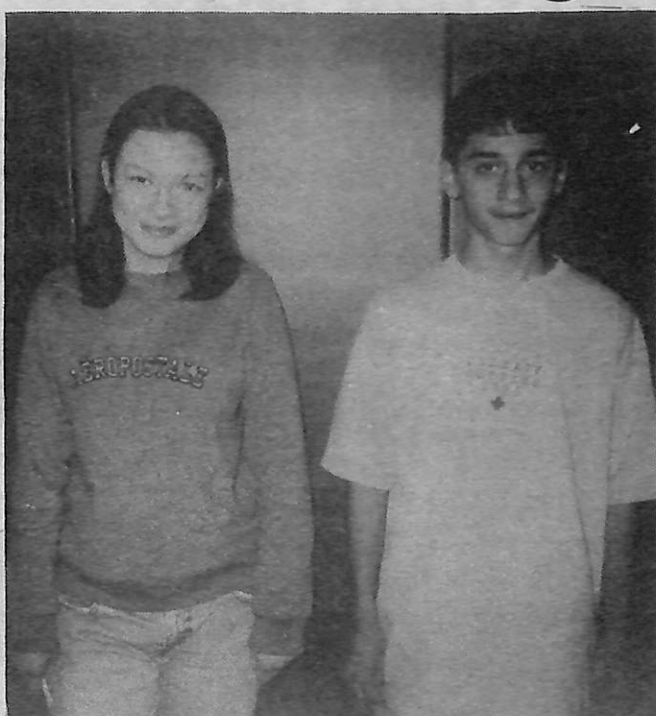
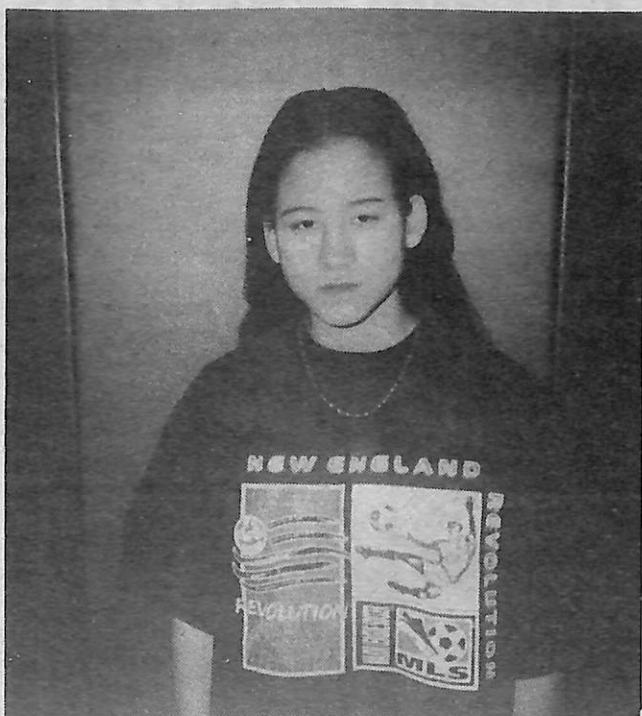
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Noted Art Students At The Jr. High



IN LEFT PHOTO: Deborah D'Amours was named the October 1999 "Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School and won a \$50 savings bond. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Dina Lukina and Nadim Ghaname were recently recognized as "Art Students of the Month" at the Junior High. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

Storowton Village Museum Offers School Vacation Program

Children ages seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about early American village life during Storowton Village Museum's winter school vacation program titled "A Day Away in the Past." The program will be offered twice (February 23rd or 24th) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children spending "A Day Away in the Past" will dress in period costumes provided by the Village and try their hand at crafts such as candle dipping, basketmaking, and fireplace cooking. They will also participate in old-fashioned games and experience the uniqueness of a one-room schoolhouse as they "take their lessons" from the "Schoolmistress."

The cost for the one-day program is \$25. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storowton Village Museum office at (413) 737-0136.

At Westfield Vo-Tech H.S. ...

Applications Being Taken For Adult Allied Health Prog. In Jan.

The Westfield Vocational Technical High School Adult Allied Health Program is currently accepting applications for the January 24, 2000 class.

The program will meet in the morning from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. The class will be completed on May 19, 2000.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, January 25th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate cake with icing or pears, milk.

Wednesday, January 26th: Baked hamburger and macaroni with tomato sauce, Italian bread and butter, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, peaches in syrup or strawberry Jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, January 27th: Hamburg in roll, seasoned niblet corn, steamed rice, chilled mixed fruit cup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

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Feeding Hills residents Jennifer Kratovil, daughter of Mark and Rosemary Kratovil of North Street, Ext., and Kristin Tierney, daughter of Thomas and Patricia Tierney of Valley Brook Road, have attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College.

Kratovil, a dean's list student previously, also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society. A member of the senior class, she is enrolled in the psychology program.

Tierney was also elected to the college's Maroon Key Society. Maroon Key membership is achieved by attaining dean's list standing for two semesters. A member of the senior class, she is enrolled in the occupational therapy program.

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Sports

After Squeaking By Sci-Tech...

At Mid-Season, Conte's Girls A 7-3 Surprise

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

You can win pretty and you can win ugly. It really makes no difference. When the number goes into that left-hand column, it means that you won. So when the Agawam High girls beat visiting Springfield Sci-Tech, 31-29, on Monday evening (January 17th), it was simply a win for the 7-3 Brownies. But the Cyber-Cats did get some beads of sweat out of the faithful.

This was another gut check for the Brownies. Not many people, even the most loyal faithful, thought they would be 7-3 at this point in the season. They will now go into the blast furnace (with games against Cathedral, Central, then the Valley Wheel teams, Amherst, Longmeadow, Minnechaug, and West Side). A playoff berth is the light at the end of the upcoming tunnel (10 wins needed).

Some folks complained a bit about the officiating. But that's natural when you are supposed to win. The Cats came in at 2-6. Agawam had its nose out of joint because it was coming off a tough loss to Chicopee High last Friday night that stopped a six-game win streak.

The Cats started out like they were going to run away with the whole deal — banging the offensive boards for four straight rebounds off the tip-off. Unfortunately for them, they put up five straight bricks. With 4:00 gone, they were shooting 1-10. The Brownies, shooting 3-5, were up, 6-3.

Agawam was switching up from man-to-man to match-up zone.

Tech, still working the offensive glass, went up, 7-6, with 6:30 gone. At that point, they outrebounded Agawam 7-1 under the offensive glass. The visitors led, 12-6, with 7:10 to go in the first half.

But the Brownies, getting perhaps the coaching job of his illustrious career this year from Lou Conte, clawed back. With 4:00 left, a trey by junior Liz Stieg tied it at 14. And the Cats were in for a catfight. Senior Sheri Benton, with Agawam up 16-14, canned another trifecta with 2:00 to go in the half.

At that point, the Brownies were up, 19-14. Part of the reason had to do with a most promising freshman, 5'9½" forward Vicki Taylor (six rebounds), who planted herself under the Brownie offensive boards and denied any Cat who came calling. The half would end, 19-17, Agawam.

The Game Was Not A Scoring Frenzy...

Most folks knew this game was not going to be a scoring frenzy. The second 16 minutes proved the point. Both teams were working overtime for their shots. It was 21-all with 1:08 gone. Benton drained two straight field goals to keep things even.

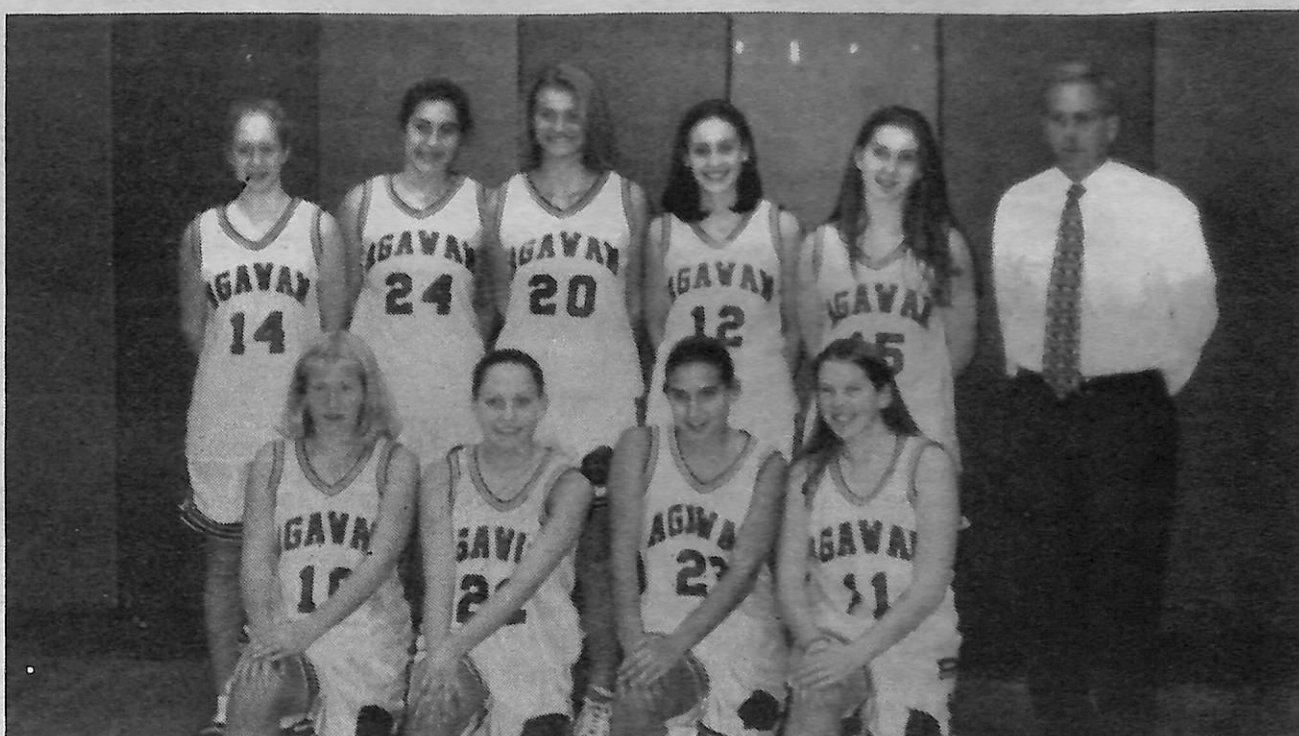
Then, in an offensive scramble, she went down, with her left arm twisted beneath her stomach. She rolled around yelling. Trainer Dave Stratton was right there.

But it was the end of the evening for Benton (seven points, 3-7, 1-3), who would not return.

"We'll send her up for x-rays. It's best to be careful," Stratton said of Benton, who sat on the bench for the duration with a somber look on her face and an ice pack on her arm. It was more a visage of exasperation than pain. It was a battle and she wanted to be part of it.

Junior center Laura Bucalo, along with Stieg

AHS's JV Girls' Basketball Team...



LOU CONTE (far right), the head coach of Agawam High School's varsity girls' basketball team, poses with the members of the school's junior varsity squad. Back row: Erin McLain, Kristin Strole, Lucy Young, Erin Corbin, and Amanda Blair. Front row: Erin Jackson, Allyson Nowell, Nicole Gutowski, and Kate Tierney. (Missing from photo: Jessica Newalu.)

Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

and Taylor, were doing some clinical defensive work with 10:03 to go. At that point, they knew that was the key to a victory. It was 25-24, Sci-Tech, with the Cats shooting 2-8 and the Brownies shooting 3-9.

Tech went up 29-24 with 6:35 to go. Bucalo canned a deuce from the left post at the 2:51 mark. She went low on Agawam's next possession and almost got decapitated. She hit one end of the two free throws and the Brownies trailed 29-27.

Agawam tied it up at 29 when junior point guard Jill Gendron (three points) popped one from the left wing. Stieg then drained one from the left circle to put Agawam up, 31-29.

"We didn't allow them a point with three minutes to go. That was our defense playing the way they have to play," Conte stressed after it was over.

Junior Keegan Clark and Gendron frustrated the Cats as time ran down. Bucalo had a big steal with 15 seconds left. An outlet pass to junior Sara Lottermoser ended it.

AGAWAM STATS: Gendron — 1-4 FGS, 1-2 FTS, 3 points, 5 rebs, 2 off; Clark — 0-2 FGS, 1-5 FTS, 1 point, 4 rebs, 2 off; Lyman — 2-3 FGS, 4 points, 3

rebs, 1 off; Lottermoser — 0-3, 0 points, 1 off reb; Shannon — 0-5 FGS, 0-2 FTS, 0 points, 3 rebs; Benton — 3-7 FGS (1-3), 7 points; Stieg — 3-10 FGS (1-3), 7 points, 1 reb; Taylor — 1-6 FGS, 2 points, 6 rebs, 1 off; Bucalo — 3-7 FGS, 1-2 FTS, 7 points, 7 rebs, 5 off.

Agawam Field Goals — 13-47 FGS (28%), 3-1 FTS, 2-6, 3 points; Rebounds — 29, 13 off; Turnovers — 13.

SCI TECH: 11-45 FGS, 7-10 FTS; Rebounds — 28, 17 off; Turnovers — 12.

AGAWAM JV NOTES: The Agawam JVs met the Sci-Cat kids in the first game and completely mauled them, 52-9, to run their record to 9-1. Standouts for the young Brownies included Kristen Strole (7-11, 1-5, 15 points, 9 reb, 5 off), Nicki Gutowski (4-7, 2-2, 10 points), and Lucy Young (1-5, 2-4, 7 rebs, 2 off).

FROSH NOTES:

At this writing, the freshman girls are 4-0. Coach Lynda Kunasek credits all the kids, but did single out a few. Katie Menard leads the team in scoring (10 ppg). Amy Beaudette and Andrea Conte are two guards who get the offense going.

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: January 20, 2000

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Boys' Basketball...

Brownies Bow To Visiting Holyoke High, 83-50

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Yogi Berra wasn't completely right. He once said, "It isn't over 'till it's over."

Sometimes it is over before it ever starts. In laymen's terms, did you ever want that blind date at the prom to end, that car trip that was 100 miles too long to be over, or the audit with the IRS to be terminated (before the Feds terminated you) when you were innocent?

So it was up at Kibbe Gym Tuesday when the Agawam High boys' basketball team lost, 83-50, to Holyoke High. Agawam came in at 0-8. They were circling the wagons long before this game. Holyoke, 8-2, is one of the best basketball programs in Western Mass. There were no surprises here, unless you counted the good number of fans on hand - who ventured out on such a frigid night.

The high point of the evening came before the opening tip-off. It was the cheering battle between the State Champion Agawam cheerleading squad and the Purple Knight cheerleaders. Both teams were in their seats and their best voices. They made the place sound like a domed stadium.

Only Seven Kids On Varsity

Agawam has only seven kids on their varsity squad. The Knights came in with 11 and every one was a downtown shooter and a tenacious rebounder. Because of that, the disaster started early. Holyoke went up, 12-4, with four minutes gone. The game was up-tempo at that point and the intensity wouldn't let up.

With 8:25 left, Holyoke went on a 6-6 field goal run, including a three-pointer. Agawam at that point had six turnovers, which translated into eight Holyoke points.

With 4:59 left, Agawam was 6-13 from the floor. Holyoke was 15-22. The Knights, playing man-to-man early, zoned up. They had outrebounded Agawam, 16-7, eight of which came off the offensive glass. The half ended, 45-21, Holyoke.

There is only one way we can explain the second 16 minutes. Have you ever seen the half-court shooting deal for a buck-a-try Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney puts on at half-time? It's crazy and fun. It became just that - a playground contest.

Shooting From Everywhere

Everyone, knowing it was over, shot from everywhere. Agawam shot from trifecta land 11 times and canned eight in that half. Holyoke had 2-5 from three-point land. Agawam had 25 of its game-total 45 shots in the second half. Holyoke saw only the hoop, putting the ball up 39 times in its game total of 71.

There were only three total fouls in the second half and seven in the entire game. The refs were gracious. The only way you were going to go to the line in this one was if you were on the floor, in a pool of blood, with trainer Dave Stratton starting an I.V. and the paramedics on the way.

But the Brownies didn't fold. "We know how hard it is to rebuild a program. We're maybe two years away. We'll take our lumps now. But our day will come," new boys' varsity Coach Brian Alves said.

AGAWAM STATS - Mercadante - 6 points, 2-4 FGS (2-3's), 1 reb; Brunelle - 9 points, 3-5 FGS (3-3's); Ducharme - 5 points, 2-7 FGS, 1-2 FTS, 4 rebs, 1 off; Stellato - 11 points, 3-10 FGS, 2-2 FTS (3-3, three points, 3-4 three-point atts), 3 rebs; Ellsworth - 6 points, 3-6 FGS, 8 rebs, 2 off; Martucci - 13 points, 6-11 FGS (1-3, 1-3 3's).

AGAWAM TEAM - 19-45 FGS (42 percent), 3-5 FTS, 9-14 3 POINTS. REBOUNDS - 17, 2 OFF; TURNOVERS - 19, POINTS ALLOWED OFF TURNOVERS - 20.

HOLYOKE STATS - 36-71 FGS (50 percent), 6-9 FTS, 5-7 3 POINTS. REBOUNDS - 45, 24 OFF; TURNOVERS - 4.

BOYS' JV - They lost to Holyoke, 52-45. Their record now stands at 2-7.

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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Profile...

Skier Kerry St. Laurent Intends To Teach Her Freshman Teammates

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For four years, Kerry St. Laurent, the senior captain, has been a key member of the Agawam High girls' varsity ski team. She took some time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Kerry is 17. Her birthday is April 17th.

She has spent all four years of her secondary education here.

Currently, Kerry is taking AP English, AP biology, Spanish, sociology, and practical law. She is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Renaissance Club. She is also editor of the Literary Club at AHS. The paper is called the "Unicorn." Her favorite courses are biology and art. She goes to an art school in Connecticut where she is tutored by a private teacher.

At AHS, David Pulaski and Lynn Littlefield are her top teachers. Kerry is headed for UMass. She wants to major in art education (with a minor in biology).

On the slopes, she is equally strong in giant slalom and slalom. Her most memorable sports moment was making and competing in the States last year at Berkshire East. For the team this season, she has this opinion: "We have experience, plus a lot of freshmen. We, as seniors, will teach them as best we can. This is a team of the very present future."

Kerry's favorite food is pizza, along with chocolate.

Her color is green.

A silver Corvette would be her ride.

While she doesn't have a favorite team or jock, she did have this to say. "I love animals. I have Molly the cat. She is great."

Kerry likes to hang out with her friends. Also, she likes camping and rock climbing.

Kerry's clothes are comfortable. "I'll dress up now and then. But mostly, I want to feel good," she smiled.

Music is like this. "I am the biggest 'Pearl Jam' fan in the world. We got to see them at the Meadows last summer. The sound system was great. I had to use binoculars to see them, though."



KERRY ST. LAURENT

"Saturday Night Live" is Kerry's favorite TV show. "Tommy Boy," starring the late Chris Farley, is her favorite flick.

Her mom is Susan. Dennis is her dad. Daryl, a 1998 grad of AHS and a sophomore at MIT, is her brother.

Kerry looks up to her family.

When her days as a Brownie are done, she has this take: "I want people to know that I wanted to know people. I wasn't going to be judgmental. Also, I want people to know me as an artist."

Ski Coach Jim Graveline said this of his star: "Kerry is brilliant and an excellent skier. I can see only good things for her in the future."



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Profile...

Jack Pearson Is Now In Skiing "Mode" For AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Jack Pearson is a giant slalom and slalom specialist for the Agawam High boys' ski team. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his time at the High School.

Jack is 17 years-old. His birthday is August 25th. He stands 5'10" and weighs in at 145. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS.

Currently, Jack is taking advanced math, physics, conceptual physics, practical law, English 12, and cooking. "Yeah, I'm a pretty good cook. I can make some good meals for the family." Jack is also a member of the Renaissance Club.

His top course is psychology. Edward Merrill, who teaches it, is his top instructor. Right now, he is waiting to hear if he will get into UMass or the University of New Hampshire. He has already been accepted at Johnson and Wales College in Providence. "I want to go into hotel resort management. One day, I'd like to open my own bar and restaurant. Those schools are some of the best in the country if you want to pursue that career," Jack noted.

Jack is a three-sport participant at AHS - skiing, soccer, and baseball. Right now, he likes skiing the best. "That's because I'm in that mode," he explained.

However, his most memorable sports moment was with the baseball team last spring when they won the Western Mass. Division I crown. For skiing, he has this take: "I'm skiing in the tri-states. That's a lot of skiing for me - twice a week plus all the practice. I think our team at Agawam (where Jack is a captain) is very strong."

Jack's favorite food is a nice thick steak. "And how about putting sauteed mushrooms on that?" he laughed.



JACK PEARSON

Yellow is his top color.

His ride is a 1998 JAG, XK8. This isn't a dream for him. "My mom owns one. It's a convertible. I got to drive it last year on prom night," he noted. Italian Olympic skier Alberto Tomba is his top jock. The Boston Red Sox are his top team.

He likes to hang out and relax with his friends, or with his girlfriend, AHS softball star Steph Blackman.

Jack likes comfortable clothes and buys them at American Eagle or Structure.

Garth Brooks is his top guy in music.

"Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" tops the tube for him. "Saving Private Ryan" is his flick of choice.

Linda is his mom. Murray is his dad. He doesn't have any siblings. But he does have a dog, Maverick, a purebred yellow Lab. "He's just laying on the floor right now, trying to sleep as I'm talking to you," Jack laughed.

He looks up to a couple people - his father and his late uncle, Greg (on his father's side). "They were there for me. I have and had very good relationships with both of them.

"When my time at Agawam High School is over, I want to be remembered three ways: as a dedicated athlete, a good friend, and someone with a strong character," he said.

Varsity ski Coach Glenn Olson had this to say of his captain: "Jack is an outstanding athlete. He is so easy to coach. He listens to everything you have to say. He is a true leader."

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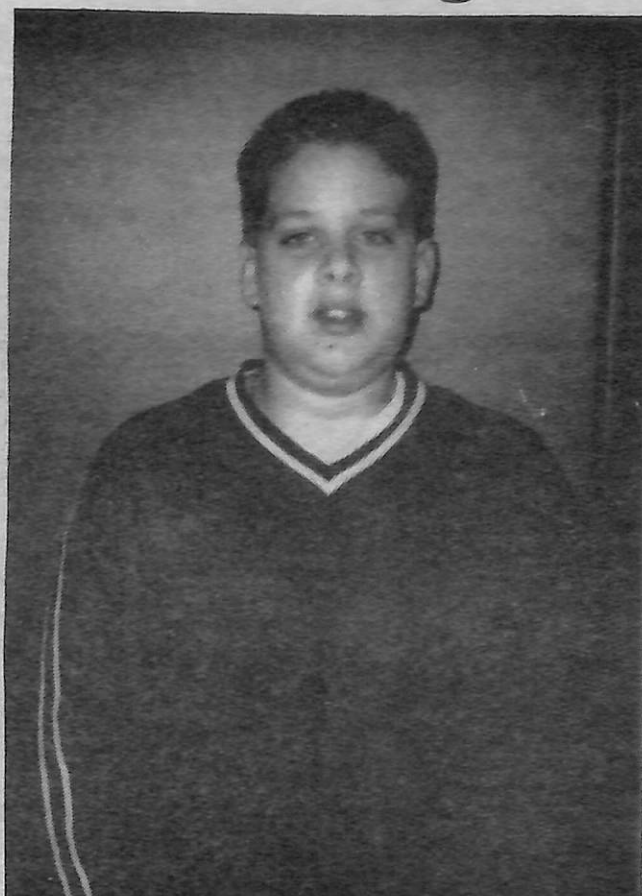
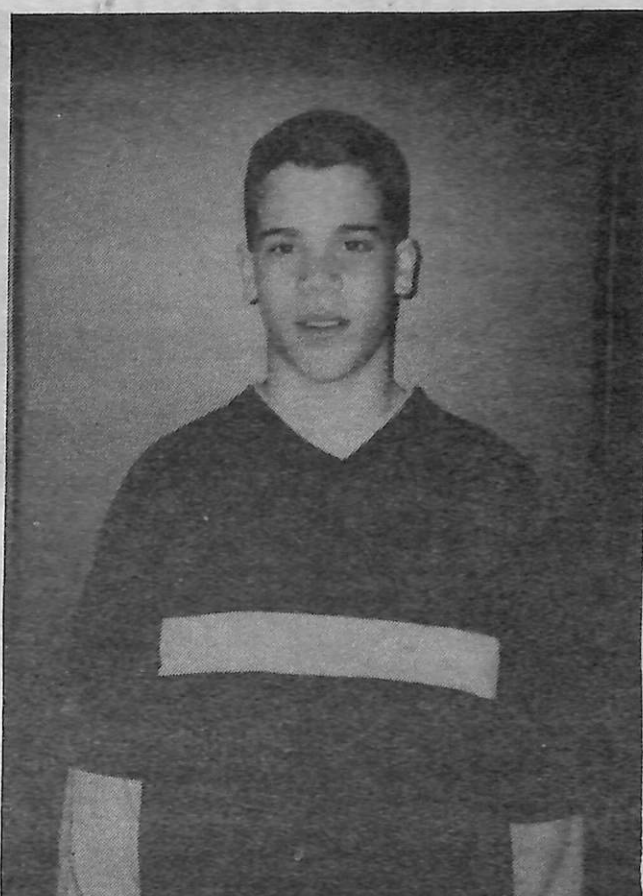
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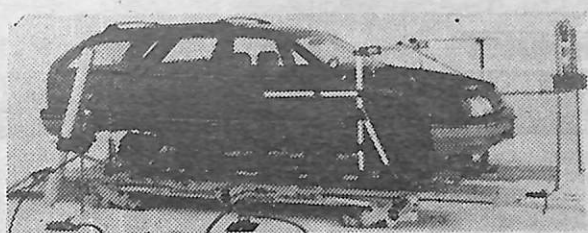
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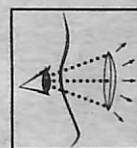
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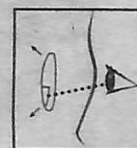
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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Winter Finally Arrives...

This week's frigid blast of icy wind has finally arrived to solidify some of the lakes and ponds. Ice fishing on safe ice can't be far behind.

The unusually warm winter has just about bankrupted some of the companies that make ice fishing gear and shelters. This is the worst season they have seen, according to some industry insiders.

On a more positive note, it won't be long before some fish are flopping on the ice in local lakes and ponds.

BOAT SHOW ARRIVES AT THE BIG E

This year's Boat and Fun Vehicle Show at the Big E starts Thursday, January 20th, and runs through Sunday, January 23rd. Just the thing for a case of cabin fever. This is the one place under one roof where you can overdose on the aroma of brand-spanking-new fiberglass and check out the latest in fishing and pleasure boats.

For those of us who are looking to get into a new boat this year, dealers will be offering some show specials for the early-season boat buyer. These are traditionally some of the best prices of the year. So take a few hours and check out the latest in necessities of life this weekend!

Hopefully, some of the dealers will be displaying some of the new Vector series of boats from Hydrasports. These blue water center consoles look like just the ticket for inshore as well as off-shore waters in our part of the country.

STRIPERS ANYONE?

Anglers fishing the Thames River in Connecticut are scoring on a bunch of schoolie stripers along with a few keeper-sized fish. The best I have heard of the past week was a 34-incher taken in the trench off the town dock. Lead head jigs with sassy shad bodies or twister tails seem to be doing well.

WINTER COD UPDATE

Capt. Joe Huckmeyer of the Helen-H out of Hyannis reports that some nice-sized cod are coming over the rails during recent trips. Capt. Joe is planning a few overnight trips soon and they are filling up fast. The limited wreck trips are limited to about 25 anglers, so there is always plenty of fishing room and uncrowded conditions.

The crew of the Helen-H must be doing something right because it seems that the boat always fills up on these trips with the same group of anglers who come from as far as Pennsylvania to fish with Capt. Joe Huckmeyer.

Tri-Parish Bowling News...

Three-Way Tie Exists For First Place In Round Three

The second night (Monday, January 10th) of the third round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League found all the teams bunched up, with only three points separating the top from the bottom and only overall pinfall the difference between the three teams tied at the top.

Fordham only took one point from Catholic University. Jim "Jimbo" Lambert came through with a nice 307 total to help Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham (333) take their three points. "Jolly" Olly Muldrew slumped in the third string and lost by 41 pins to hand CU the string and total pinfall. His bad legs really need a fix.

Boston College, bowling without anchor Betsy "Loaded" Cannon, could only manage one point against Notre Dame. The top bowler for BC was Roger "Rabbit" Josephson, who came up with a 118 third string but only totaled a 296. ("Rabbit" will have to put his golf clubs away and concentrate on indoor games.)

Leading ND to three points was Flo "Rocky" Rochford, who came up with a 123 third string to total a 308.

Holy Cross took the measure of Georgetown, 3-1. Leading HC was Ron "The Don" Menard, who rolled a 345 that included a 135 single. For G'Town, Debbie "Mighty" Poirier rolled a 328 series as anchor but fell a little short.

Returning after missing half the season, Caroline "Peppy" Coelln is getting back to near-normal by rolling a 262 series.

In a high-scoring match, St. Louis and St. Mary tied at two apiece. St. Mary totalled an even 500 in the first string, but still lost by 52 pins as St. Louis came out hot.

Laura "Silky" Snyder started it off with a 118, then sub Jon "Money Man" Robarge added a 112, Jim "Big Mac" McCormack chipped in with a 95, and Glen "Not Sam" Adams ran off a 143. This was a great team effort. "Not Sam" Adams ended up with a 381 series, and "Money Man" finished with a 323.

For St. M., Mary "Not Marlo" Thomas ran off a 327 series, and Jim "The Heat" Burlingham had a series of 324.

STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH:

Fordham	5-3
Catholic University (first-round winner)	5-3
Boston College	5-3
St. Louis	4-4
Georgetown	4-4
Notre Dame	4-4
Holy Cross	3-5
St. Mary (second-round winner)	2-6

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Daggett's Women Gymnasts Compete At Two Weekend Events

The Women's Team from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics split-up this past weekend to participate in two separate events.

The Level 5 girls, who compete compulsory routines, attended the Whip City Gymnastics Invitational in Southwick, while the Level 9 and 10 girls competed in a Sectional Meet in South Hadley.

At the invitational meet, some of the girls were making a second attempt at earning an All-Around qualifying score of 31.50 in order to participate in a Level 5 Sectional. In the second meet, the advanced girls were working on qualifying for States. This group needed totals of 32.5 to move on.

The Whip City event included girls from three area gyms; Daggett's, Whip City, and Gym Fest. The latter two having athletes competing in Skill Levels 5-8. Four Daggett girls, Andrea Oullette, Brittany Bolella, Diana Forbes, and Katie Malloy, earned qualifying scores.

These were in addition to seven other team girls who had qualified previously. Forbes captured third in All-Around age 11-12, while Malloy captured second in the 13 and older group.

Other standouts included Kayla Leverault, who swept her 7-8 age group, Natalie Siameri, Britany Laflamme in the 9-10 group, and Rachel Weiss and Rachel Foltz, 11-12 age group.

The Level 5 Sectional will be hosted by Daggett's on February 20th.

The Level 9 and 10 Sectional was hosted by Thompson's Gymnastics. The meet was further broken down to two sessions due to the number of competitors. The first session included 32 athletes from nine gyms located in various areas of the Commonwealth. Competition was close, and the audience had the opportunity to observe awesome performances in the highest skill levels of the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program.

The athlete to watch was Lauren Powell, who competed for Daggett's in Level 10, Junior D age group. Her scores of 9.05, 9.50, 9.50, 9.05, totaling 37.1, swept first in all events and the All-Around.

It was also a record performance for her gym. Other qualifiers for State competition included the Level 9's, Jennifer Stack, Junior A, Kari Sullivan, Brionne Lancour, and Andrea Babbini, Senior A, and Jaime Scott-Smith, Senior B.

At States, the girls will try to qualify for the New England-New York Region Championship, then Eastern States. The Level 10 girls may qualify for Nationals this spring in Austin, Texas.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Office is located in the rear of Agawam High School.

Christopher Sparks, Director of Parks and Recreation. Phone: (413) 821-0514.

Jennifer Kerr, Administrative Assistant. Phone: (413) 821-0513.

Address: 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Fax: (413) 789-2610.

e-mail: recreation@agawam.ma.us

REFUNDS

If a class is cancelled by the Recreation Department, a full refund or credit will be given. A \$15 fee will be charged for all refunds due to participant cancellation. There are NO MAKE-UPS FOR MISSED CLASSES.

BOUNCED CHECK FEES

The Town of Agawam will impose a \$25 fee on checks returned due to insufficient funds.

REGISTRATION

Registration must be done in person. No phone registrations will be accepted. Enrollment for all programs is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration with payment for all courses is required; make checks payable to "Town of Agawam." A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all youth programs.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the case of severe weather conditions, the Recreation Department will list all cancellations on the Recreation Department's answering machine. Please call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs.

Program participants must sign a grant of permission and release waiver to participate in Recreation Department-sponsored activities.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL

The Town of Agawam runs a Nursery School for children ages three to five at Perry Lane.

Registration/enrollment for the 2000-2001 school year is now taking place and will continue at the Recreation Office until enrollment is full. Children must be three years-old by September 30, 2000 to be eligible for enrollment at Perry Lane.

Call the Recreation Department for more information.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

The 1999-2000 Youth Basketball season is underway. Come watch the games and cheer for your classmates and neighbors.

Games are played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from January through the end of March.

Game Schedule:

Girls' Grade 3 & 4, Jr. High School, Saturday 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 3 & 4, Jr. High School, Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Grade 5 & 6, Middle School, Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 5 & 6, Middle School, Saturday 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Girls' Grade 7 & 8, High School, Sunday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 7 & 8, High School, Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL DROP-IN BASKETBALL

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering Drop-In Basketball for boys and girls in grades nine through 12. Agawam Student ID is required to participate.

No one will be allowed to play without an Agawam High School Identification.

Drop-In Basketball: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Agawam Junior High School Gymnasium.

Cost: Free to Agawam High School students.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Youth Swimming Lessons will be offered this spring at the Agawam Junior High School. These lessons will last for seven weeks beginning the week of February 28th and ending the week of April 10th.

A weekday class and a Saturday class will be offered. Specific days and times will not be available until February 1, 2000.

Cost: \$15 per person.

Registration: Begins Monday, February 14th, in the Recreation Office.

Please watch the Agawam Community Channel for details or call the Recreation Office after February 1, 2000.

PUBLIC SWIM

The Agawam Junior High School Pool will be open for public swim on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Flotation devices are not permitted. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are recommended.

Public Swim: Fridays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Agawam Junior High School.

Cost: \$2 for age six and older; \$1 for age five and younger.

YOUTH LACROSSE

The Youth Lacrosse Program is entering its third year of play. Boys and girls in grades five through eight are welcome.

The program will begin in mid-April and will meet two nights a week. Players are required to provide their own equipment.

Cost: \$50 per person.

Registration: Now taking place in the Recreation Office.

ADULT PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's Volleyball is for women age 18 and over.

Women's Volleyball: Mondays, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Granger Elementary School.

Cost: \$3/night.

MEN'S & CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Men's & Co-Ed Volleyball is for men and women age 18 and over.

Men's & Co-Ed Volleyball: Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Agawam High School.

Cost: \$3/night.

ADULT DROP-IN BASKETBALL

Drop-In Basketball is a supervised basketball program for Agawam residents age 18 and over. Proof of age and residency is required for admission.

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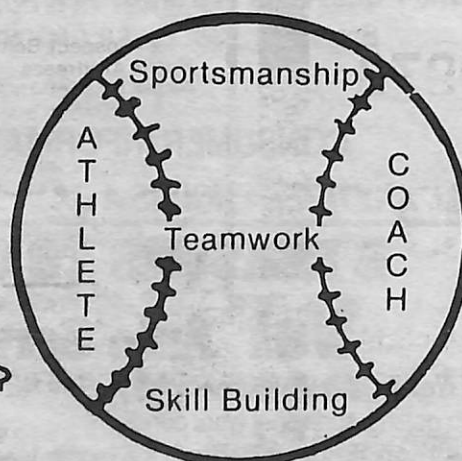
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Cost: \$2/night.

The drop-in fees for the volleyball and basketball programs are payable to the site supervisor each visit. The Agawam High School Sports Schedule takes precedent over drop-in volleyball and basketball; please check with the site supervisor or call the recreation office to see when the program is cancelled.

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS HOCKEY

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce "Group Nights" at the *Nest*. These games will have a family-oriented theme and will benefit the Town of Agawam's Recreation Department.

A one-price ticket of \$7 allows children, adults, and seniors admission to the game(s) of your choice. Tickets must be purchased at the Recreation Department by the Thursday prior to the game date.

Call the Recreation Department at 821-0513 for more information.

* Sunday, January 23rd, 5:00 p.m. — Versus Providence Bruins.

* Friday, February 11th, 7:30 p.m. — Versus Quebec Canadiens.

* Friday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. — Versus Hartford Wolf Pack.

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CPR CLASS

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Thursdays, February 17th and 24th, Agawam Library, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Cheryl Sabola.

Registration: Begins Monday, January 31st, at Recreation Office.

Limit: 18 participants.

Cost: \$35.

SKI TRIPS

The Recreation Department will be offering ski trips to different mountains in February and possibly March. These day trips will be offered on Saturdays, Sundays, and during the school vacation weeks if there is interest.

A minimum of 30 people is required to run a trip. Call the Recreation Office for more information.

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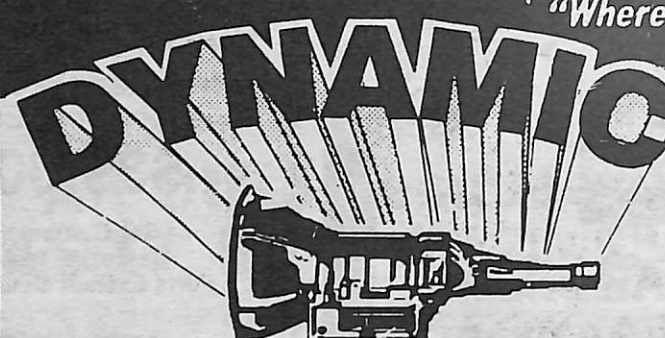
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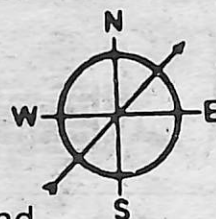
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